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PRICE TWO CENTS

RICHESON MAY PLEAD INSANITY

Lawyers for Clergyman,
who Mutilated Himself,
Admit Contemplated
Change in Defense

SINISTER PURPOSE IN ACT

Noted Alienist Says the
Pastor's Attempt was
Not that of an In-
sane Man

Will Go to Trial
BOSTON, Dec. 21.—Rev. Clarence V. T. Richeson will go to trial January 15, his physical condition being such that he can go to court on that date.
This was the announcement made this afternoon by Dr. Howard A. Lathrop, who treated Richeson when the former minister mutilated himself with a jagged piece of tin yesterday.
With Dr. Lathrop's announcement came a correction of earlier reports to the effect that Richeson was still in the jail infirmary. Dr. Lathrop said:
"Dr. Richeson's wounds were so much better three hours after the operation was performed that he was taken back to his cell, where he has been ever since. There is less than one chance in five thousand that Richeson will be too ill to go into court January 15."

BOSTON, Dec. 21.—Rev. Clarence V. T. Richeson, who yesterday terribly mutilated himself with a piece of jagged tin, while awaiting trial for murder of Avis Linnell, his former sweetheart, passed a quiet night in the Charles street jail infirmary. Medical Examiner Leary visited him at 8 o'clock today and said there is little doubt that he will not be able to go to trial January 15.
Every indication early today pointed to a plea of insanity by Richeson. William M. Morse and Philip R. Dunbar, who, with John L. Lee of Virginia, are counsel for the defense, admitted there "might possibly be a change in the line of the defense," asked pointedly whether they would urge Richeson to plead insanity, the answer came: "We won't say no or yes to that question until this afternoon."

Alienists Watch Pastor
District Attorney Pelletier apparently has no doubt that such will be the case, for before 8:30 he was at his office in consultation with two physicians, who are thought to be alienists employed weeks ago by the government to observe the former minister's action.

The district attorney admitted he has communicated with insanity experts and has prepared to meet an insanity defense with testimony tending to show Richeson was sane when he is alleged to have planned to murder Miss Linnell and that he was sane a few days ago.
Richeson's lawyers and detectives employed in his interest by Moses Grant Edmunds, father of Miss Violet Edmunds, whom he was to have married Oct. 31, were called together today by Attorney Morse and three physicians. Mr. Morse today repeated that he has for several weeks thought Richeson not insane.

Says He is Not Insane
NEW YORK, Dec. 21.—That the act of Rev. C. V. T. Richeson in mutilating himself was not that of an insane man, but was done for a sinister purpose, is the belief of Dr. Charles Frederick MacDonald, noted alienist, psychologist and physician. Dr. MacDonald was called to Buffalo to examine Cziglowsky, assassin of President McKinley, was medical examiner for the state in the trial of Harry K. Thaw and is an international authority on mental diseases.

FIGHT OVER WABASH

ST. LOUIS, Mo., Dec. 21.—Two years will probably be required to lift the Wabash railroad out of receivership. Meanwhile rival bondholders committees are being formed in an effort to gain control of the railroad when the reorganization is effected. F. A. Delano, president of the Wabash, left here yesterday for Chicago.

WEATHER

For La Crosse and vicinity—Snow tonight and probably Friday; somewhat colder.
For Wisconsin—Rain or snow to night and probably Friday; colder Friday and west portion tonight.
For Minnesota—Heavy snow this afternoon and tonight, Friday probably snow; somewhat colder.
For Iowa—Unsettled weather tonight and Friday with rain or snow north portion tonight; colder tonight and east portion Friday.
Rain or snow will continue in this section today followed by snow to night and probably continuing into Friday; the temperature will fall somewhat but no decided change is indicated during the next 36 hours.

Emperor Reported Dying, and His Son The Grand Duke



VIENNA, Dec. 21.—Vienna was greatly excited today by reports that Emperor Franz Joseph is in a critical condition and could live but a few hours. All the afternoon papers published pessimistic reports concerning the emperor's condition, and the papers were seized by the police and burned. Officially, it is announced at the palace that the aged ruler is much improved, but the people do not accept this as authentic.

DRINK AND THREAT SUGGEST SUICIDE

John Hanson, Aged 70,
Hangs Self to Rafter in
Woodshed This
Morning

"WOULD BURN HIM IN STOVE"

Bartender Told Him that in
Jest and Old Man Ends
Life to Escape Imag-
inary Fate

Driven insane by excessive drinking, and brooding over a joking threat made by a bartender that he would "burn him up in the stove," John Hanson, aged 70, hung himself this morning in a shed in the rear of his house, 717 Wall street, during the absence of his wife at a neighbors. He was discovered by his wife an hour later when she went into the shed to get a stick of wood for the fire.

Hanson had made repeated threats for the last two years that he would hang himself, but his wife had always previously talked him out of it. He also made threats frequently that he would kill his wife at the same time.

"Whiskey did it," said Mrs. Hanson this morning. "I feel sure that he was simply insane from the whiskey which he drank. He was a heavy drinker all his life."

Hanson hung himself with a clothes line to a rafter. He had wrapped the clothesline several times about his neck. When found his feet were touching the floor.

Mrs. Hanson said that for over a week he had been worrying over a threat made by a bartender in a saloon which he frequented that he would "burn him up in the stove." She says that when she tried to make him forget the threat he often declared that he would hang himself, and that she wanted to see him burned up. Mrs. Hanson paid no attention to the threats, as he had made statements that he would suicide often before.

Immediately upon finding the body of her husband suspended from the ceiling of the shed, Mrs. Hanson notified the police and the coroner. The body was not cut down until the coroner arrived. It was taken to Dwyer's undertaking rooms.

Hanson was employed by the La Crosse Cane company, but has been out of work since they removed to West Virginia. He also worked during the fall for the street car company.

\$100,000 FOR ARCHBISHOP

ST. PAUL, Minn., Dec. 21.—Archbishop Ireland was today showered with congratulatory messages and gifts on the occasion of the fiftieth anniversary of his ordination as a Catholic priest. Priests of the diocese made up a purse of \$100,000 for the aged prelate.

POSTOFFICE OPEN SUNDAY MORNING

In order to facilitate the handling the great volume of Christmas mail, Postmaster W. B. Tscharnar has announced that the Sunday closing rule in the local office will be suspended Sunday morning.
The La Crosse office is handling a great amount of mail during the holidays and it is to insure the delivery of the Christmas gifts by Christmas day, and to lessen the work of the carriers, that the office will be opened.

PERSIANS FIGHT RUSSIAN TROOPS

Teheran Greatly Excited
Over Prospect of Occu-
pation by the Cos-
sacks

SHUSTER WILL STAND PAT

Parliament Believes Per-
sia's Salvation Rests
with the Young
American

TEHERAN, Dec. 21.—A dispatch from Tabriz, says that serious fighting is taking place between Russian and Persian troops.

Reports from Kasbin say that the 4,000 Russian troops concentrated there have been ordered to move upon Teheran tomorrow unless the Persian parliament agrees to the dismissal of W. Morgan Shuster, the American treasurer-general, before that time.

Teheran is greatly excited over the prospect of Russian occupation. Officials recognize that the ancient walled city will fall easily before the czar's artillery.

It is believed that the Russians cannot reach the capital for two or three days owing to the frightful condition of the road.

Treasurer Shuster today informed parliament that he intended to remain in office until the Russian soldiers throw him out, unless parliament should call for his resignation. The deputies informed Shuster that they do not intend to yield. They expressed confidence that Persia's salvation rested with the young American.

There is much activity in military circles this afternoon, but it could not be learned whether the army had been instructed to resist Russian occupation or not.

RICHESON SAID TO HAVE MARRIED GIRL

CHICAGO, Dec. 21.—The Chicago Journal this afternoon publishes a special dispatch from Boston declaring that evidence in possession of the state and to be used against Rev. Clarence V. T. Richeson, the minister accused of the murder of Avis Linnell, who yesterday terribly mutilated himself, will reveal a "wedding ceremony" where the minister is reputed to have acted as both groom and officiating minister in "wedding" himself to Avis Linnell.

The story declares that the state has information that the innocent girl accepted the alleged marriage as legal.
**SAYS AMERICANS
LIKE MILLIONS**
MADISON, Wis., Dec. 21.—(Special.)—The American people like to talk in terms of millions; it makes little difference whether of dollars, germs, people, cows, or what else—anything divisible by a million, said Rev. Samuel E. Crothers, noted essayist and clergyman of Cambridge, Mass. He talked on "The American Temperament." He said this tendency began in the days of Captain John Smith, who in his description of Virginia declared the state had all natural advantages that Europe had, and in present day terms, "then some."

MINNESOTA JUDGE QUILTS

ST. PAUL, Minn., Dec. 21.—Associate Justice David F. Simpson of the Minnesota supreme court, at noon today handed in his resignation, to take effect January 2.

THUGS THREATEN DYNAMITE PROBER

Grand Jury to Investigate
Charges that Prosecuting
Attorney Is Being
Harassed

JURYMAN IS DRIVEN INSANE

Baker Fined for Contempt
Because of Fight with
Detective in Open
Court

INDIANAPOLIS, Ind., Dec. 21.—A grand jury investigation of the charge of Prosecuting Attorney Baker of Marion county, that he and members of the grand jury which has been investigating the dynamite outrages have been "harassed and threatened by paid thugs in the employ of the National Erectors' association," was ordered today by Judge Markey in the criminal branch of the superior court.

Just before this action was taken, Markey fined Baker fifty dollars for contempt of court as the result of his fight in open court late yesterday with one of the erectors' detectives. Baker denounced the erectors' association in open court today and declared they had so harassed the grand jury that one of its members became insane under the strain and was under medical treatment for a month, all of the time insisting that he was John J. McNamara and was on trial for his life.

Prosecutor Apologizes
The prosecutor was very nervous when he appeared before Judge Markey and apologized profusely for his action of yesterday in dragging Detective Foster into the presence of the court and for having tried to tell him with a baton seized from a policeman.

"But your honor will understand," he continued, "that for many months I have been under a severe nervous strain as the result of having been hounded by the paid thugs of the National Erectors' association. They have been on my trail night and day and have lied about me time and again."

"Not only have I been under this nervous strain, but the members of the grand jury have been harassed and troubled until one of them finally became insane under the strain. This constant espionage preyed on my mind until it was responsible for the episode of yesterday, which no one regrets more than I."

Fined For Contempt
Judge Markey fined the prosecutor fifty dollars, saying his conduct could not be excused, and he intimated that the apology had not been full and complete and the justification of the character it was, the penalty would have been more severe. Give me the name of those men you complain of and I will have the matter taken up at once."

WASHINGTON, Dec. 21.—President Gompers, of the American Federation of Labor today declared himself in favor of a federal investigation of the files, records, documents of all kinds of the federation.

"This is my reply," said Gompers, "to those who are after 'the men higher up,' and to the numerous press announcements of a 'national investigation by the federal officials.' Every act of every official may be freely looked into, and I am sure that the assertions that behind the McNamara's were men of high standing in the labor councils will be branded as false."

INDIANAPOLIS, Ind., Dec. 21.—"If Gompers means what he says he may be given the opportunity to produce his records," was the only comment made today by Federal Prosecutor Miller on the declaration of the head of the American Federation that the books and records of the organization are at the disposal of the federal prosecutors.

The charge is openly made today by federal investigators that strong political influences are at work to prevent the connection between John J. McNamara, three of the other members of the International Bridge Workers, an official of the Federation of Labor, and a coterie of politicians becoming known. It is alleged that McNamara's dynamiting operations were known to these politicians and they reaped a financial harvest by protecting him.

HIGH SCHOOL PLAY IS BIG SUCCESS

The theatrical season opened at the high school last night with a very nicely presented comedy. The Masque Dramatic society put forth their efforts with "A Scrap of Paper" as the vehicle.

The play itself was not up to the standard set by "Ingomar," and the class play. It did not offer the opportunity to the actors that the aforementioned play did and was therefore not so well received.

Claire Bovee, who took the part of Bassanio in the "Merchant of Venice," acted the leading role and again displayed remarkable dramatic ability in the part of Prospero.

Miss Suzanne de Russeville, the leading lady role, was very well acted by Janet Anderson. Miss Anderson had a severe cold and was unable to do her best.

STATE COMMISSION OF FISHERIES TAKES STRONG ACTION TO PROTECT BLACK BASS OF THE MISSISSIPPI

Farmers Free To Sell Own Produce

Farmers are not transient merchants or peddlers and may sell their own produce on the streets without paying the license fee to the state, according to a ruling of Attorney General Levi H. Bancroft, received in La Crosse by City Attorney A. H. Schubert.

The decision of the attorney general also sets forth that the recent ordinance passed by the council, revoking a former ordinance, providing for the licensing of peddlers, is valid.

The decision is expected to greatly reduce the cost of living in La Crosse and result in the selling of farm produce direct from the producer to the consumer.

JUDGE OVERRULES PLEA OF PACKERS

Government Gains Advan-
tage by Denial of Mo-
tion of Defense for
Dismissal

DEFENSE ATTORNEY ARGUES

Attempt to Bring Statute
of Limitations Into the
Fight; Exceptions
Are Allowed

CHICAGO, Dec. 21.—A decision which will give the government a position of vantage in the trial of the ten millionaire packers on charges of criminal combination in restraint of trade, was rendered today by Federal Judge Carpenter. The court denied motions by the defense for dismissal of two of the five counts of the indictments against them, and refused a plea of the defense that the jury be instructed to disregard certain statements included in District Attorney Wilkerson's opening statement.

It was this last named decision that was construed as of great advantage to the prosecution. The statements specifically objected to by the defense were regarding the acquisition of "independent" packing house firms by the National Packing company. It was alleged that this acquisition took place at a time when the statute of limitations would operate against court proceedings.

Judge Carpenter swept this contention aside, ruling in effect that the government was entitled to produce all evidence it desired along this line in its endeavor to show a motive. The motive, the prosecution is contending, was to gain a monopoly of the dressed beef industry.

The grounds on which dismissal of two counts of the indictments were asked were that the acts complained of occurred more than three years ago—beyond the time in which the prosecutions could be instituted.

Judge Carpenter ruled that the question of legality of the indictments had previously been ruled upon in a demurrer, and that such a motion at this time was, in effect, merely an attempt to raise anew the same questions decided in the decree overruling the demurrers.

Exceptions were allowed the defendants on all the rulings. After a brief recess, Attorney Geo. T. Buckingham began the series of opening statements in behalf of the defense. Buckingham spoke particularly for the Swift and Fowler groups of packing houses.

Buckingham denied vehemently that the packers were in any way responsible for the high cost of living.

"The increase of food prices," he asserted, "has been due solely to the retail distribution of the staples. That distribution is unscientific and uneconomic. These defendants have had nothing at all to do with the increase in the cost of steaks."

The attorney read extracts from the supreme court decisions in the tobacco and Standard Oil cases, and declared that it was perfectly legal to combine and exercise reasonable restraint upon trade. He denied that the combination of packers had had the effect of unreasonably interfering with commerce. That the defendants dominated the industry he denied, declaring that the independent firms had thousands of buyers all over the country.

COMMISSION IS LEGAL

SPRINGFIELD, Ill., Dec. 21.—The commission form of government was today declared constitutional in a decision handed down by the Illinois supreme court.

Tipping Is Illegal Because It's Begging

CHICAGO, Dec. 21.—Waiters and hotel employees were exercised today over a decision by Judge Pettit that "tipping is begging, and begging is a violation of the city ordinances."
"Nothing less than a galling gun would permit a patron of these places where the 'tipping trust' is in operation to escape without giving a tip," the judge declared.

The court dismissed a suit for a division of the profits of tips given hat and coat checkers and attendants in a lavatory in a prominent cafe. The defendant in the suit, Jacques Roussio, is the originator of the tipping trust, and has purchased the checking concessions at nearly every hotel and safe in the city, paying in one instance \$10,000 a year for the privilege.

PRESIDENT URGES CURRENCY REFORM

Taft Discusses Nation's
Financial Status in His
Message to Con-
gress Today

SURPLUS OF \$47,000,000

Says Uncle Sam Is in Very
Satisfactory Condition;
Endorses Aldrich
Plan

WASHINGTON, Dec. 21.—Uncle Sam's finances are in a "very satisfactory condition," according to President Taft's message to congress on departmental affairs, delivered today. The message discussed the nation's financial status, proposed currency reform, and many minor matters pending in the various departments.

A surplus of over \$47,000,000 in the receipts for the year over the expenditures, was shown by the president's figures, and he remarked that the postoffice department for the first time in twenty-eight years was self-supporting.

"The credit of this government was shown to be better than that of any other government by the sale of the Panama three per cent bonds," said the president.

The message urged the importance of currency reform at an early date, and endorsed the main features of the Aldrich plan as proposed by the monetary commission. It recommended that the government be given "reasonable representation" in the management of the proposed national reserve association, which under the Aldrich plan will control the country's financial resources.

The message discussed the proposed army reorganization plan in which the president found several propositions with which he disagreed. The question of Panama canal tolls was recommended for early action, and the president urged that the tolls be arranged to favor American shipping. Immediate steps for the establishment of a rural parcels post were recommended.

FOSTER MOTHER OF HEIRESS IS HOPELESS

CHICAGO, Dec. 21.—After a disappearance of twenty-four hours, during which time she asserted she had been following clues which might lead to a solution of the mystery of the disappearance of her 15 year old foster daughter, Violet, Mrs. Anna Buehler returned home today, heartbroken at her failure to find any definite news. The girl left home on November 25. The police have been unable to find anyone who has seen her since that time. The kidnapping theory has been abandoned now.

COMMISSION FAILS TO REACH DECISION

The fire and police commission at its meeting yesterday, failed to reach a decision on the Volton-McGrath police graft case.
Another meeting has been called for 4 o'clock this afternoon. The charges were taken up at yesterday's meeting and this afternoon the evidence submitted on each charge will be discussed.
While a decision is hoped for today commissioners were not positive that one would be reached.

REVOKE CURLEW PERMIT IS THE PROBABLE STEP

Only Filing of Convincing
Affidavits of Violations
Needed to Bring
This About

STOPS PER-THOUSAND PLAN

Policy of Deputizing Men
Under Conditions In-
viting Dishonesty will
Be Discontinued

MUST HAVE CERTIFICATES

Men Fishing in Employ of
the State Must Identify
Themselves to the
Wardens

Revocation of the license of
the United States steamer Curlew.

Discontinuance of the practice by the state commission of buying bass minnows on a per thousand basis.

Certification of all employees of the state commission fishing for minnows in Mississippi waters, a duplication of such certificate to be placed in the hands of the state game warden.

Above are the probable results of a hearing before the Wisconsin State Fisheries commission at Madison yesterday, in which Dr. E. A. Gatterdam, J. L. Saenger and A. M. Brayton appeared on behalf of the Mississippi river sportsmen and fishermen.

Burns Takes Part
Commissioner John C. Burns, the La Crosse member of the board, was an interested participant in the hearing, asking a number of pertinent questions calculated to eliminate immaterial discussion and "get down to brass tacks" as to the essential facts.

After the hearing, the matter was the subject of a discussion in executive session lasting two hours, and The Tribune's information as to what occurred in the latter meeting was furnished by Mr. Burns and Mr. Nevin.

The discontinuance of the per thousand policy and the certification of the commission's fishermen were ordered at the conclusion of the meeting yesterday.
The revocation of the Curlew's license was deferred pending formal evidence, in the form of affidavits, that the Curlew has been violating its permit and abusing the courtesy of the Wisconsin commission.

Action Seems Settled
As this evidence can undoubtedly be furnished in convincing quantities, it is believed that the Curlew permit will be revoked at the next meeting of the commission, which will be in January, provided the affidavits have been placed on file at that time.

It was intimated at the hearing that the commission disliked the idea of revoking its permit to the United States government on evidence less formal and substantial than would be required in a court of law, as harmonious relations with the federal bureau are desirable, and it was suggested that should the Mississippi river complainants fail to produce such evidence in such form, the state commission would nevertheless feel that in the future it would be justified in insisting that a representative of the state of Wisconsin accompany the federal fishing crews and supervise their work.

Cut Out Per Thousand Plan
The commission without hesitation decided to discontinue the practice of buying minnows by the thousand, men asserting the obvious fact that when paid in this way, and not under direct supervision of an official of the commission, fishermen would get as many minnows as possible and get them where most easily obtained, the policy thus inviting dishonesty and violation of the law.

Game Wardens Must Act
The commission took the position that the game warden department has been at fault in not having arrested fishermen selling minnows in places and under conditions contrary to law, but admitted that to some extent the department may have been handicapped by the fact that there has been no way of telling whether a fisherman was working for the state or for the Curlew, excepting his bare word. In the future every one of these minnow fishermen in the employ of the state must have

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We Again Call Your Attention to Our Great CLEARANCE SALE

Owing to very heavy purchases to secure the Lowest Possible Prices we find ourselves overstocked and from today until Saturday we will sacrifice and place at the **Lowest Prices the Following Goods**

Ladies' gold filled watches,
former price \$18.00,
now

\$12.50

Gents' gold filled watches,
12 and 16 size, thin model,
15 jewel, former price \$18,

\$11.50

Sterling silver plated Toilet
Sets, comb, brush and mir-
ror, former price \$7.50, now

\$4.95

Sterling silver plated Mesh
Bags, former price \$5,
now

\$2.25

Solid gold Cuff Links, for-
mer price \$3.00,
now

\$1.50

Heavy solid gold Signet
Cuff Links, former price
\$7.00, now

\$4.25

8 Day Mantle Clocks, a use-
ful Christmas gift. Former
price \$7.50, now

\$4.75

Gold filled Locket and
Chain, best quality, former
price \$3.50, now

\$2.25

Solid gold Locket and Chain,
fancy and plain linked
chains, former price \$7.50
to \$10.00, now

\$5.00

Solid gold La Valliers, new-
est designs, now

\$6.00

\$7.00, \$8.00, \$10.00, \$12.00.

Diamond Rings.
Blue white, perfect cut
stones, set in Tiffany set-
tings.

\$50.00, now \$40.00
\$30.00, now \$22.00
\$25.00, now \$19.00
\$20.00, now \$15.00

Prudent Christmas shop-
pers should not fail to take
advantage of these prices,
and remember, these goods
are all of Rose Quality—the
Best.

Gold Filled Fobs, Regular
Price \$5.00, now

\$3.25

Gold Filled Scarf Pins, set with beau-
tiful Stones. Regular Price \$1.50, now **75c**

GEO. B. ROSE, JEWELER 310 Main St.
La Crosse, Wis.

Town of Onalaska:

NOTICE
The undersigned Road and Bridge
Committee of the County Board will
receive sealed bids at the office of
the County Clerk on the 21st day of
December, 1911, at 10 o'clock a. m.
for rock for macadamizing as fol-
lows:

160 cords of quarried rock to be
delivered on the Holmen road at the
top of the hill, north of Midway.
200 cords of quarried rock to be
delivered on the Holmen road in B.
J. McCabe's field near the house of
R. J. Boersma.

Town of Holland:
50 cords of quarried rock to be
delivered on the Holmen road in B.
J. McCabe's field near the house of
R. J. Boersma.

Town of Barre:
Quarried rock to the amount of
\$750.00 to be delivered and piled
on the Barre Mills road at a point
8 rods southwest of the Welch school
house.

(Bids to state number of cords to be
delivered for the above amount).
Town of Hamilton:
50 cords of quarried rock to be
delivered on the north Salem road,
20 rods east of the Waterloo bridge.

Quarried rock to the amount of
\$800.00 to be delivered on the north
Salem road, 20 rods east of the Wa-
terloo bridge.

(Bids to state number of cords to be
delivered for the above amount).

Town of Burns:
Rock to the amount of \$1,350.00
to be delivered on the Burnham Val-
ley road near Fred Meyer's farm.

(Bids to state number of cords or
yards to be delivered for the above
amount).

(Bids on above will be received for
both crushed and quarried rock).

Town of Bangor:
120 cords of quarried rock to be
delivered on the Fish Creek road
near Anton Hesselberg's farm.

Town of Greenfield:
120 cords of quarried rock to be
delivered on the St. Joseph Ridge
road, 20 rods east of Matt Becker's
house.

Town of Shelby:
648 yards of crushed rock, No. 1-2
and screenings as ordered to be de-
livered on the Mormon Coulee road
between the farms of Casper Smith
and August Mundt.

Crushed rock to the amount of
\$700.00 (No. 1-2 and screenings as
ordered) to be delivered on the

State Road Coulee road near the
Pammel farm.
(Bids to state the number of yards
of crushed rock to be delivered for
the above amount).

(Bids on above will also be re-
ceived for quarried rock).

Town of Campbell:
Crushed rock to the amount of
\$1,400.00 (No. 1-2 and screenings
as ordered) to be delivered on the
south Salem road near the four-mile
house where 1911 work ends.

Crushed rock to the amount of
\$1,400.00 (No. 1-2 and screenings
as ordered) to be delivered on the
north Salem road near the Hartley
farm at the intersection of the Ona-
laska road.

(Bids on both of the above will
also be received for quarried rock).

Crushed rock to the amount of
\$1,600 (No. 1-2 and screenings as
ordered) to be delivered on the main
French Island road where old ma-
cadam ends.

Town of Farmington:
200 cords of rock to be delivered
on the Mindoro-West Salem road
near Anton Lee's farm.

200 cords of rock to be delivered
on the West Coulee-West Salem road
near Ole Gilbertson's farm.

All rock contracted for must be
good, hard, clean limestone, dimen-
sions as follows: Quarried rock not
to exceed 10 inches in thickness nor
18 inches in width; crushed rock No.
1 not to exceed 3 inches in diameter
and not less than 2 inches in di-
ameter; No. 2 not to exceed 2 1/2 in-
ches in diameter and not less than
1 1/4 inches in diameter; screenings
to be delivered as ordered. All
crushed rock to be weighed, 2,500
pounds to constitute a yard.

Quarried rock to be piled at
places designated in piles not less
than 4 feet in height and in width
either 8, 16 or 24 feet.

All quarried rock to be delivered
on or before May 1st, 1912.

Crushed rock to be delivered as
ordered.

Successful bidders will be required
to furnish bonds in a sum equal
to one-half the amount of the con-
tract.

For further particulars address
John Hintgen, County Highway Com-
missioner.

The committee reserves the right
to reject any and all bids.

Dated at La Crosse, Wis., this 7th
day of December, 1911.

PETER GULLICKSON,
FRED PAULSON,
WM. WOLF,
H. A. JACOBS,
J. C. MOORE,
OSCAR H. HULBERG,
W. D. STRATMAN,
Road and Bridge Committee.

NOTICE TO CONTRACTORS.

Sealed bids will be received by the
undersigned at the office of the
County Clerk in the courthouse, on
Dec. 22, 1911, at 2 p. m., for fur-
nishing the material and doing the
work of making certain repairs in
the county jail, according to plans
and specifications therefor on file
with said clerk, based upon the
three following propositions, to-wit:

(1) To replace all angles now ad-
joining the floor of the first floor
cell room, both within the cells and
along the corridors adjoining the
cells.

(2) To remove all angles now ad-
joining the floor of the first floor
cell room and to replace the same
with new angles and to construct a re-
inforced concrete floor within the
cells.

(3) To remove all angles now ad-
joining the floor of the first floor
cell room and to place within the
cells a steel plate floor.

Proposals must be accompanied
by a certified check payable to said
clerk in the sum of \$50. Bond satis-
factory to the committee must be
furnished by the bidder awarded the
contract in the sum of 50 per cent
of the contract price. The commit-
tee reserves the privilege of rejecting
any and all bids. Bids for each of
the three propositions to be made
separately.

Dated December 12, 1911.

WILLIAM A. BRADLEY,
PETER LEHNEN,
GEORGE J. RITTER,
Building and Grounds Committee.

If the baby keeps Mr. Newlywed
up all night with its crying, is that
a case of continuous ball?

WISCONSIN DATA GUIDES SETTLERS

Antidote for Misinforma-
tion Concerning Agricul-
tural Possibilities of
State to Be Published

HOMES FOR HALF MILLION

Unoccupied Land in North
Capable of Supporting
Thousands of
Farmers

MADISON, Wis., Dec. 21.—As an
antidote for popular ignorance and
misinformation concerning the agri-
cultural possibilities of northern
Wisconsin, the state board of public
affairs will recommend the compila-
tion of data of an authoritative and
unbiased kind for the guidance of
prospective settlers. The situation
has been set forth in a statement by
William M. Duffus of the legislative
reference library, who is co-operating
with the state board of public aff-
airs in making investigations on the
problems of agricultural settlement.
One of his first conclusions is the
need of a comprehensive and impar-
tial statement of just what the agri-
cultural opportunities of northern
Wisconsin are and what the settler
who goes there must face.

"This should be written," says
Mr. Duffus, "like Dean Henry's fam-
ous handbook of 1896, by men who
are recognized experts in the subject
and free from the suspicion of over-
enthusiasm bound to attach to the
statements of men who have land
to sell, however free from exagger-
ation such statements may be in in-
dividual instances. The prospective
settler should know what kinds of
farming are best for the district he
wants to settle in, what his market-
ing facilities will be, what kind of
community life he may expect to
find, what the general range of land
values and the usual terms of pur-
chase are, and what help he may ex-
pect from the agricultural college
and other educational agencies. All
of this can be written in such a way
as to show the tremendous possi-
bilities of northern Wisconsin and
enlist the enthusiasm of prospective
settlers without leading them to ex-
pect something for nothing."

Duffus calls attention to the fact
that 8,000,000 acres of unoccupied
land in northern Wisconsin will
make about 100,000 eighty-acre
farms or 200,000 forty-acre farms,
which should support an agricultur-
al population of 500,000 persons. He
declares the biggest difficulties in
the way of agricultural development
of northern Wisconsin are: Lack of
information about northern Wiscon-
sin, lack of a system of settlement
designed to promote community
life, lack of capital on the part of
the class of men most willing to un-
dertake settlement in northern Wis-
consin, lack of business methods
among farmers, exploitation of set-
tlers by land agents, and lack of
some agency to bring individual land
owners and men desiring land to-
gether.

A sufficient appropriation for the
state board of immigration (it is now
only \$7,000 a year) is one of the
needs most felt in handling the prob-
lem of settlement.

Utterly Wretched

Nervous Prostration Long Endured
Before Remedy was Found.

Miss Minerva Reminger, Upper Bern,
Pa., writes: "For several years I had
nervous prostration, and was utterly
wretched. I lived on bread and beef
tea because my stomach would not re-
tain anything else. I took many rem-
edies, but obtained no relief until I
took Hood's Sarsaparilla, when I began
to gain at once. Am now cured."

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nerves, and this is why Hood's Sarsa-
parilla, which purifies and enriches the
blood, cures so many nervous diseases.
Get it today in usual liquid form or
chocolated tablets called Sarsatabs.

ASSAIL TAFT'S PHILIPPINE PLAN

Land Policy Is Likened to
Doomsday Books by the
Speaker at Title
Men's Meeting

WATERTOWN, S. D., Dec. 21.—
President Taft's land policy in the
Philippines was the target for an
attack made before the Tri-State Ti-
tle Men's association here by John
T. Kenney of Madison, Wis., presi-
dent of the Wisconsin State Title
Men's association. He declared that
the Torrens system in the islands has
been a complete failure. He said:
"The Doomsday books were a land
title register of exactly the same
kind which we are urged to adopt in
the various states of this country
today. It is exactly the same sys-
tem which William H. Taft introduced
in the Philippines in 1903, and
which the 1910 report of the civil
government conclusively shows and
practically admits to be an absolute
failure."

COURT ROOM READY BY JANUARY 5

Although the circuit court room in
the county building is lined with
scaffolding at the present time, pre-
serving a scene of apparent confu-
sion, Floyd Pfeiffer, representative
of the Johns-Manville company which
is in charge of the work on the acous-
tics of the room, declares that the
work will be completed and the court
room ready for use January 5.

The method in use in improving
the acoustics of the court room is a
patented process controlled by the
company in charge of the work, and
consists of placing layers of sound
deadening material at the proper
points inside the walls. The system
does not necessitate remodeling or
tearing out any portions of the room.
The sound deadening materials are
concealed within the structure of the
walls.

The work is being done under a
guarantee, the company to receive
no money for the job unless the trou-
ble with the acoustics of the room
is eliminated.

STATISTICIAN EMPLOYED

MADISON, Wis., Dec. 21.—A. D.
Campbell, formerly Wisconsin com-
missioner of immigration, now of
Chicago, this week became attached
to the Wisconsin Advancement as-
sociation, and his first work will be
the compilation of important statis-
tics. He will prepare this matter in
Milwaukee.

BIGELOW FUNERAL FRIDAY

NEW YORK, Dec. 21.—J. Pier-
pont Morgan and Joseph H. Choate
will be among the pall-bearers when
funeral services for John Bigelow,
noted author and diplomat are held
at St. George's Episcopal church, on
Friday night. Following the services,
the body will be sent to Highland
Falls, N. Y., for interment.

ANCILLARY RECEIVERS

NEW YORK, Dec. 21.—United
States Circuit Court Judge Ward ap-
pointed George W. Alger and F. A.
Delano as ancillary receivers in this
district for all the property of the
Wabash railroad, fixing their bonds
at \$10,000 each.

FRENCH SMUGGLE OPIUM

PARIS, Dec. 21.—Opium smoking
is growing as a habit so alarmingly
here that the government agents are
taking a hand. The drug is believed
to be smuggled in by sample post
from Turkey. Students in Montmar-
tre and Latin Quarter, looking for
new sensations, are the principal vic-
tims.

"Bowel Pleasure"

Howel pleasure? Yes! These Sweet
Little Pills nourish the bowel-nerves
and are a perfect tonic for the mus-
cles and ligaments of the bowels;
and this is why they do not pain,
sicken or grip, but cause a deli-
cious and almost ecstatic pleasurable
movement in the most natural way
and without creating bad habit or
weakening the system in any way.
If you'll try them, "bowel plea-
sure" and regularity will be yours
for keeps.
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Trial package free.
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Rent District.

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STANTON WINS

A Romance of Racing Cars

by ELEANOR M. INGRAM

Author of "THE GAME AND THE CANDLE"
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She deliberately stepped down beside him, accompanied by the crisp sound of shaken silk and a drift of faint, rich fragrance. She wore a dark motor-veil, and in the mingling of dense shadows and glaring lights it was not possible to distinguish more than her general effect of youth and well-poised grace.

"I fancied by your costume that you were one of the racers," she explained. "And as I only arrived an hour ago, I wished to beg some information."

"I'm one of the men driving," he corroborated.

She turned to glance at the cars rushing by, struggling for the lead.

"Thank you. Can you tell me whether Ralph Stanton is now driving the Mercury?"

"No," he answered, interested for the first time. "But he will take the wheel again in half an hour."

"Aha! I have heard so much of his spectacular feats, I," she gave a careless, rippling laugh. "I confess I should like to see some of them."

"Yes, well, half the people here come to see whether some of the men won't take a chance once too often. They say there is a pleasant thrill in watching some one else get killed."

"Hardly that," she demurred. "Still, if one comes to an automobile race, one wants to see something more exciting than that. She waved a fragile hand toward the track, shrugging her shoulders with airy amusement and scorn.

Stanton surveyed the scene, the darkness hiding his expression.

"The Mercury is making time with a substitute driver, the Duplex is off with a choked feed-pipe, and the Stern went through the fence," he summed up. "The others are driving to win by endurance, playing for accidents to the faster cars. It is a dull period, just now. Yet every car there is going fast enough to face destruction if anything goes wrong."

She turned to him again, and he knew her gaze swept him interrogatingly, searchingly. But his close-fitting linen costume offered no means of identification, since he purposely kept from the light the silver letters running across his jersey.

"My father is president of a tire company," she idly remarked. "His tires are being used on some of the cars, the Mercury for one, I believe, and he wanted to watch their testing under use. So, after a dinner engagement we could not get down here from the city, you see I have not viewed much of the race. I admit this does not look very perilous and I am a bit disappointed."

"I," again her short crystal laugh. "I shall hope better things of the famous Stanton; I want to admire him very much. But I am certain you, and you were leaving. Every thanks for your patience."

"Hardly leaving, since the twenty-four hour race is not six hours old," he corrected briefly. "I am glad to have been of any use to you."

She returned his salute; then, upon the cool impulse of one accustomed to doing as she chose, put her question directly:

"Ah—I am Miss Carlisle; I would like to know who has been good enough to aid me in my ignorance."

"My name is Stanton," he complied, and went on.

From the shelter of the obscurity he looked back. She had taken a step forward into the light and her veil had slipped aside as she gazed after him with an expression of acute and eager interest. She could not have been older than twenty-four or five, with a finely cut, beautiful face framed in waves of fair hair.

Floyd was sitting on a camp-stool outside the tent, chatting with a group of men, when Stanton returned. The rest had brought back the mechanic's color and animation; in fact, he looked ridiculously young and irresponsible. But he sprang up ready at the driver's nod.

"Time?" he asked, his gray eyes like burnished steel.

"Yes," Stanton confirmed. And to the nearest man: "Bring in the car."

There was an obedient commotion. Several men ran to flag the other driver. Floyd caught up goggles and cap, and knelt to tighten a legging strap. As Stanton made his own few preparations, Mr. Green hustled up to him.

"We're leading," he reminded superfluously. "There isn't really any need for extra fast work, Stanton."

Stanton snapped a buckle, saying nothing.

"I telephoned to the office and told Rupert he needn't come. I told him that you had a new man."

"Well?"

"He said, 'poor mut.'"

The driver straightened to his full height, his firm dark face locking to bronze inflexibility.

"You had better report his sympathy to Floyd, whom it's meant for," he advised harshly. "I'm not interested. If the company doesn't like the way I drive, let them get someone in my place; but while I do drive the car, I drive, and not Rupert or Floyd—or any one else. I'll neither take risks nor shirk them to order."

The assistant manager choked, speechless. He had no way of knowing why Stanton flashed a sudden glance toward the row of automobiles before the grand-stand, or

who was meant by that "any one else." Meanwhile, he was intracable, he was insubordinate, and he was obstinate—but he was Stanton.

The Mercury rolled in, the two men climbed from their seats, and there was a momentary delay for tank filling. Stanton took his place, experimentally speeding and retarding his motor while he waited for the workmen to finish.

"Stop a minute while I fix the carburetor," requested Floyd, from beside the machine. "It's colder late at night like this. Wait, you've dropped your glove."

Stanton silenced the engine. Something in the fresh voice, the boyish grace of the slight figure, the ready courtesy of the act, stirred him with a strange sensation and pricking shame at his own brutality.

"Poor mut," a whisper repeated to his inner ear. When Floyd offered the gauntlet, the other dropped a hand upon his shoulder.

"Are you riding with me because you want the money badly enough to chance anything?" Stanton demanded harshly, "or because you are willing to trust my driving?"

Taken by surprise, open astonishment crossed the younger man's face, but his eyes did not flinch from the ones behind the goggles.

"I think you're the best driver on the track," came the steady answer. "And I'd rather trust myself to your recklessness than to some one else's mistakes, if you want to know. I guess you can steer straight enough for both of us."

Stanton's hand relaxed its hold. "Go fix your carburetor. Yes, I can steer—straight."

Again the blue-black eyes flashed sneering defiance toward the grandstand; for the moment, Miss Carlisle's hope of witnessing desperate feats by the Mercury car seemed far from realization.

But the Mercury had not circled the mile oval four times when the Duplex, its choked feed-pipe cleared at last, burst from the paddock with its master driver at the wheel and bent on the recovery of lost time.

The Mercury was on the back stretch of track, running casually near sixty miles at the moment.

"Car comin'," Floyd cautioned suddenly.

Stanton raised his head, alert, a fractional second too late, and his closest rival shot past him, roaring down the white path. It was too much. Floyd and Miss Carlisle sank out of memory together, as Stanton reached for throttle and spark. The Mercury snarled and leaped like a startled cat. The dull period was over.

(To be Continued.)

Least Said

He—Well, really, I should hardly have known you; the change is so great.

She (archly)—For better or for worse?

He—Why, of course, you could only change for the better.—Black and White.

Cosmopolitanism in Cafes

Secretary of State Lazansky recently refused to incorporate the Hell Cafe of New York.

"New York's cafe are singular enough," said Mr. Lazansky the other day in Albany, "without the addition of such a queerly named institution as the Hell."

He smiled and added:

"Is there anything quite so queerly cosmopolitan as a New York cafe? The last one I visited I saw a Portuguese, a German and an Italian, dressed in English clothes and seated at a table of Spanish walnut, lunching on Russian caviar, French rolls, Scotch salmon, Welsh rabbit, Swiss cheese, Dutch cake and Malaga raisins. They drank Chinese tea and Irish whiskey."—St. Louis Globe Democrat.

OUTLAWS CAUGHT BY TROOPS

MANILA, Dec. 21.—American troops have surrounded 600 Moro outlaws, who are strongly entrenched upon a hill in Jolo islands, and are preparing to shell them. The Moros today refused to surrender, and the artillery was immediately placed in position for a bombardment.

If Geronimo was homely is George E. Phair?

\$100 Reward, \$100

The readers of this paper will be pleased to learn that there is at least one dreaded disease that science has been able to cure in all its stages, and that is Catarrh. Hall's Catarrh Cure is the only positive cure now known to the medical fraternity. Catarrh being a constitutional disease, requires a constitutional treatment. Hall's Catarrh Cure is taken internally, acting directly upon the blood and mucous surfaces of the system, thereby destroying the foundation of the disease, and giving the patient strength by building up the constitution and assisting nature in doing its work. The proprietors have so much faith in its curative powers that they offer One Hundred Dollars for any case that it fails to cure. Send for list of testimonials.

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Quips and Cranks and Wanton Wiles

The Plot Against Santa Claus
Little Phil Kennedy, boasting longevity.

Covering six rather serious years. Got the idea that this Christmas levity

Wasn't as pleasant as sometimes appears. Three sad Decembers he'd written to Santa.

Well in advance and full-stating his needs. "If he's a square one," said Phil, "then why can't a

Good little boy get some toys and some feeds?"

Felt he had given the Saint opportunity. Well to make good and to prove he was real.

Firmly decided no further immunity was to be granted to such a mean deal.

Out of the rags on the bed that he shared with Three junior brothers as hapless as he.

Little Phil crawled in a gown that compared with Torn relic robes of 300 B. C.

Went to the stove, the home's only possession. Boasting a "chimney," and sat him self down.

Shiv'ring, yet brave in his fearful obsession. Waiting for Santa to "do him up brown."

Waited and waited, alone in the lark there. Stern little hero, prepared for the fray.

Must have been midnight, when, suddenly—hark, there!—Sound of the bells of old Santa Claus' sleigh!

Phil to the window crept softly and gaspingly. Peered out on walls of bleak tenements tall.

What was that vehicle creaking there raspingly?—No, 'twasn't Santa—an ash cart, that's all.

Little Phil took up his guard again bravely. Sleepy, but stern, by the cook-stove's cold hearth.

Bells rang the midnight, some gladly, some gravely. Telling the world of the sweet Savior's birth.

What was the end of the plot of Phil Kennedy? How did he vanquish old Santa that night?

No battle hymn can be made of this threnody—Matter of fact, there was never a fight.

What happened? Nothing. Oh, fate's bitter mocking! Little Phil slept, and the vigil was vain.

Woke in the dawn 'neath the same empty stocking. Old Santa Claus has escaped him again.

The Danger of Humor

"I know I'm mixing a metaphor," said George D. Pyper, "but you take it from me—if you warm a sense of humor in your bosom, some day it will rise up and bite you in the face."

Mr. Pyper is a Mormon. He came to town not long ago with the choir of 200 Mormons, which played a singing engagement here, says the New York correspondent of the Cincinnati Times Star. Like every other Mormon, he denies that polygamy is now practiced in Utah—and asserts that polygamy families were the happiest. The moment that he is asked if he belongs to the church, Mr. Pyper, wearing an injured expression, begins his recital: "I'm a Mormon," says he, "49 years old, been married to the same wife, and only one of her, twenty-nine years; am perfectly happy; never wanted a second wife; couldn't have one now, anyhow, because it would be bigamy and do not think that the Mormons are as happy now as they were in the days when polygamy was openly practiced."

Having finished his litany, Mr. Pyper will then consent to talk. "I have been traveling around the country for years," says he, "and once I got so darn tired of having the same old questions pushed at me that I changed the order. We were running an industrial exposition in Tennessee, and every woman who spoke to me would ask: 'How many wives have you?'"

"Six," I'd reply. "But if you'll say the word I'll make it seven." Usually they would squeal and run away, but one day a good looking woman asked the question and got the answer. She smiled at me—a sugary, stocky, honey sort of grin—and went away. That night she came back with her sister. 'I'm willing,' she said, 'but, say, can't you marry sister, too?'"

Mr. Pyper reiterates that a little humor is a dangerous thing, "how hard it was to get that woman to see the joke."

A Cheerful Patient

A persistent ringing at the door bell brought the sleepy physician down to his door in a hurry.

"Well, what do you want?" he demanded, as a dilapidated tramp walked in and planted himself in a chair.

"Treatment, Doc, and I ain't got a cent," was the announcement.

"Well, let's have it over with; I want to get back to bed. What's the trouble with you?"

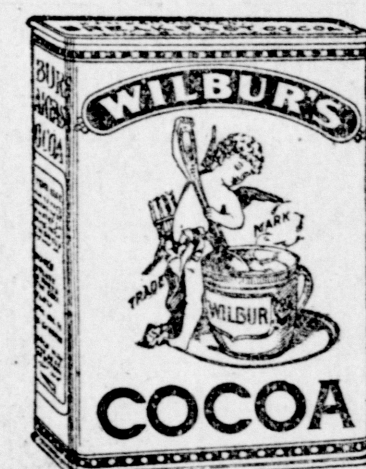
"Snake bite, Doc; and the antidote is whisky!"—Norman E. Mack's National Monthly.

Because the traveling man presses his suit, does that make him a press agent?

If Joe Mandot built a yacht, would Milburn Saylor?

Follow this advertisement's advice, and—include a can of Wilbur's Cocoa with your next grocery order. Then follow the simple directions on the can and make yourself a cup of

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Thus satisfy yourself that here's a cocoa which the family must approve. And with tomorrow's breakfast, substitute it for the regular beverage. The change will be as welcome as it is beneficial.

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MUSEUM OF DAILY FACTS AND FREAKS

Has Own Baseball Nine

NEW YORK, Dec. 21.—John Harkins, former pitcher for Brooklyn and Cleveland, is thinking of securing games for the Harkins nine, his ninth son having been born.

Cardinal Gets Royal Greetings

BALTIMORE.—Cardinal Gibbons has received Christmas cards from the king and queen of Spain, the kaiser of Austria, the prince regent of Bavaria, the king of Belgium and the czar of the Balkans.

Swear He Is Dead; He Appears

NEW YORK.—While his three daughters were in court, trying to get papers of administration on his son's estate, swearing their father was dead, James Tully came into court. He says they knew he was alive.

Picture Shows Strong Competitors

NEW YORK.—Because men of moderate means are patronizing moving picture shows, instead of balcony seats, a New York theater has reduced the price of the cheaper seats.

Three Times Married Without Changing Name

MIDDLETON, N. Y.—Mrs. Barbara E. Smith, whose maiden name was Smith, has taken for her third husband Alva C. Smith. Both her former husbands were Smiths.

Seek a "Mrs. Smith"

NEW YORK.—Mrs. William Wiggins left \$1,500 worth of rings in the dressing room, one of Brooklyn's most exclusive euche clubs, and they disappeared. Now Brooklyn society is searching for the "Mrs. Raffles."

Crane Employs Share Profits

CHICAGO.—Employees of the Crane company will draw down shares in \$500,000 profits of the business as their Christmas gift. The company has had the profit sharing plan in operation for thirteen years.

Frail Woman Has Long Fingers

CHICAGO.—Paul Moly, gallantly answered a call from a frail looking woman to help her move her trunk. After he had left her house he found his wallet had disappeared. "There ain't no such thing as gratitude," he told Judge Caverley.

BROTHERHOOD CLUB IS NOW ORGANIZED

CALEDONIA, Minn., Dec. 21.—(Special.)—Considerable interest is being taken in the "Brotherhood club" recently organized in this city. The organization is composed of the young men and business men of the city and the chief purpose of the club is the discussion of current topics and the provision of a social center. Meetings are held every Thursday evening.

Caledonia News

Mr. M. Hurley, Moberg, S. D., is visiting relatives in this city during the holidays.

John Hosch, St. Paul, is visiting friends in Caledonia.

Grant Hart, who is practicing dentistry at Polson, Mont., is the guest of F. Duxbury, this city.

Little damage resulted from the chimney fire at the home of Mrs. Thomas Buckley Tuesday. The fire department answered the call on record time and had the fire under control before it had an opportunity to spread.

DeForest Webster, who has been acting as band leader at Fort Worth arrived home Monday.

The "Toy Maker's Dream," a comic opera, was presented at the local opera house Tuesday before a fair sized audience.

HAUSER ON WAR PATH

ST. LOUIS, Mo., Dec. 21.—Hauser, Cardinal shortstop, is the first holdout of the local baseball season. He informed Bresnahan today that he was not satisfied with the \$600 raise his new contract calls for, and that he must have \$900 or he will quit. Bresnahan smiled.

Saved His Wife's Life

"My wife would have been in her grave today," writes O. H. Brown, of Muscadine, Ala., "if it had not been for Dr. King's New Discovery. She was down in her bed, not able to get up without help. She had a severe bronchial trouble and a dreadful cough. I got her a bottle of Dr. King's New Discovery, and she soon began to mend, and was well in a short time." Infallible for coughs and colds, it's the most reliable remedy on earth for desperate lung trouble, hemorrhages, lagrippe, asthma, hay fever, croup and whooping cough. 50c, \$1.00. Trial bottle free. Guaranteed by O. T. Erhart.

On Christmas Morning

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Its genial warmth is quickly at your service, ready for use in any emergency. You will need it as a supplementary heater when those extra cold spells come. Later you will find it just the thing for the changeable weather of early spring.

The Perfection Heater is light and easily carried. It is safe in the hands of a child—the safest and most reliable heater made. Drums finished either in blue enamel or plain steel, with nickel trimmings—an ornament to any room.

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Are You Awake To Your Opportunity?

Some people have an idea that a cut in price means a cut in value. That may have been tried at one time, but nowadays the merchant who wants to get trade and hold it, must at sometime or other give more than one hundred cents worth of value for a dollar. That's just what is happening at this sale. The prices have been cut until there is no such thing as profit, and the quality remains just as high as ever. We are proud of our goods and we know that you will be proud to wear them when you see them.

THIS, THEN IS YOUR OPPORTUNITY

to get that Christmas gift for "him," or that Christmas Suit or Overcoat that you need, at prices no other merchant can or will offer.

SUITS AND OVERCOATS

ARE SELLING LIKE HOT
CAKES AT THESE PRICES



Men's Suits and Overcoats that formerly sold at from \$25 to \$28, for only **\$16.95**

Suits and Overcoats that are splendid values at \$20 and \$22.50, for only **\$13.95**

Suits and Overcoats that formerly sold at \$15 and \$18, for only **\$10.95**

Men's Plush lined Overcoats with fur collars, finest grade of black kersey; genuine muskrat collars, lined with crushed silk plush. Reg. \$20 value, at **\$13.88**

Boys' Suits and Overcoats are also cut. The \$6.00, \$7.00 and \$8.00 values, only **\$4.95**

All our Boys' Suits and Overcoats that formerly sold for **\$3.98**

\$4.00 values for only **\$2.98**

MEN'S FUR CAPS

\$5.00 values \$2.98
\$4.00 values \$2.48
\$3.00 values \$1.98

LADIES' AND MISSES' AVIATION CAPS

One Lot of Samples.

\$1.50 values for 75c
\$1.25 values for 63c
\$1.00 values for 49c
50c values for 19c

Men's Sweater Coats and Cardigan Jackets

Men's fine imported jackets worsted yarn, with pockets. All colors.

\$5.00 values \$3.98
\$4.00 values \$2.98
\$3.00 values \$2.25
\$2.50 values \$1.98

Ladies' Fine Sweater Coats

\$8.00 and \$10 values now **\$6.50**

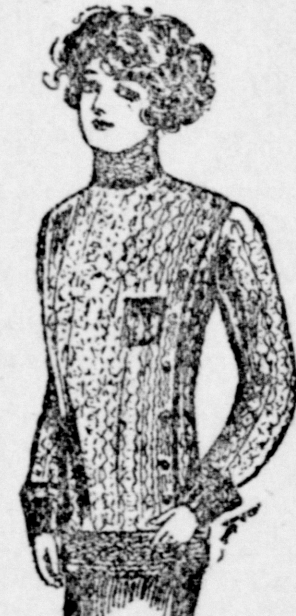
\$6.00 values now only **\$3.98**

\$4.00 values now only **\$2.98**

\$3.00 and \$3.50 values now **\$2.48**

\$2.00 values now only **\$1.48**

\$1.50 values now only **\$1.29**



MISSES' SWEATER COATS

Red, white and grey.

\$2.50 values, now only **\$1.98**
\$2.00 values, now only **\$1.48**
\$1.50 values, now only **\$1.19**

MEN'S FINE DRESS SHIRTS

\$2.00 values, Wilson Bros. Shirts **\$1.39**
\$1.50 values, Wilson Bros. Shirts **98c**
\$1.00 values, with or without collars **69c**

75c values, with or without collars

48c

BOYS' ALL WOOL WORSTED SWEATER COATS

Military collar, worth \$2.50, only **\$1.49**

MEN'S FINE SILK NECKWEAR

\$1.00 values 75c
75c values 49c
50c values 25c
25c values 19c

COLLAR CASES

Men's silk lined leather Collar Cases, all colors.

\$2.50 values **\$1.98**
\$2.00 values **\$1.48**
\$1.50 values **98c**

MEN'S SEPARATE FUR COLLARS

That can be attached to any ordinary collar; genuine muskrat; \$5.00 values, now only **\$3.98**

J. E. WILLING, JR.

115-117 South Fourth St.

La Crosse, Wisconsin

NORTH SIDE TOYLAND

THE HOME OF SANTA CLAUS ON THE NORTH SIDE IS AT COOLIDGE, 1820 GEORGE STREET

All kinds of Christmas Toys, from 5c to 25c
Dolls at all prices.
Reduced prices on all Tree Trimmings.
We still have a large number of Christmas Trees which must be disposed of, and are offering them at lowest prices.
Christmas Candles, Christmas Cigars.
SPECIAL—Assorted Milk Chocolates, regular 40c goods, lb. at 30c

TO OUST SWEAT SHOPS

PARIS, Dec. 21.—Minister of Labor Rene Renoult has drawn up a bill, and had it approved by the Cail-laux cabinet, designed to put an end to the sweat shop system in France. If the bill passes the chamber of deputies as it undoubtedly will, all work of whatever kind, done in the home, will be paid for according to a scale set by the government fixing a minimum price.

OLD STYLES WIN THREE GOOD GAMES

The Old Styles took three straight games from the Barred Rocks on the Combination alleys last night. Henry Wittenberg was high man with a score of 212. Scores:

Dobrunz	138	146	177
Knebes	155	152	129
Talley	102	131	99
Thorson	124	158	169
Wiskerchen	123	131	129
Totals	642	718	703

BANKER ACCUSED OF FORGERY

KANSAS CITY, Mo., Dec. 21.—H. W. Richardson, formerly president of the American Trust company, was held under a \$3,000 bond here to answer to a charge of forgery. Richardson claims to live in Louisville, Ky.

NORTH SIDE IN BRIEF

The funeral of Mrs. Carrie Dahl, the aged resident of the north side, whose death was announced Monday, will be held from the residence at 2 o'clock this afternoon, and from the Norwegian Methodist church at 2:30. Rev. I. Slaate will officiate. Interment at Oak Grove cemetery.

Boys' high cut shoes from \$1.88 up, Paulsen Shoe Co.

Mr. and Mrs. Hoffman, Onalaska, are the guests of Mr. and Mrs. Julius Engler, 1225 Berlin street.

Charles Loving, well known colored barber of the north side, has closed up his shop on Mill street. He will leave tomorrow for Chicago, where he has accepted a position as porter on the Santa Fe railroad.

A Christmas shopper here yesterday. H. M. Smith of Sparta, was a business visitor here yesterday.

Ole Halverson who has been visiting friends here has returned to his home at Bangor.

Mr. Alfred Foster of 1603 Charles street, has removed his summer cottage from Hokah, Minn. Mr. Foster intends looking up another location.

Walter J. Friederichs of St. Louis is the guest of La Crosse friends, A. R. Batchelor, engineer on the Burlington, has been transferred to Savanna, Ill., where he will run the switch engine.

Mrs. J. F. Johnson of Wausau is visiting at the home of Mrs. John Argall, 415 Rose street.

George Halseh of Chicago, Ill., is the guest of his parents, 1413 Wood street.

Messrs. N. Frey and Chub were business callers in Savanna yesterday.

Miss Elsie Gaylord, who has been visiting relatives and friends on the

LOWRY-NICOLAY NUPTIALS TODAY

Popular North Side Girl Is Bride of Well Known Burlington Engineer

Miss Carrie Lowry, daughter of Mrs. Mary Lowry, 1833 Wood street, and Fred T. Nicolay, 1432 George street, an engineer on the Burlington road, were married yesterday afternoon at the home of Rev. D. C. Jones pastor of the First Presbyterian church. Only immediate friends were present at the quiet ceremony.

After the marriage, the bride returned to the home of the bride, where a bountiful dinner was served. Mr. and Mrs. Nicolay left later in the evening for the Twin cities, where they will spend their honeymoon as guests of Mr. Nicolay's brother.

Mr. and Mrs. Nicolay were attended by Miss Ida Gingle, as bridesmaid, and Alex Lowry, a brother of the bride, as groomsmen. The bride was costumed in Alice blue silk, and Miss Gingle wore a gown of white voile.

north side for the last few days, has returned to her home in Sparta.

Dr. Grey, physician for the Burlington, spent yesterday in Potosi, on the company's business.

C. B. & Q. passenger engine No. 2949, has arrived at Grand Crossing after getting general overhauling at Aurora, Ill.

Miss Gladys Nutting, who has been visiting relatives and friends in Midway, has returned to her home, 911 Gillette street.

Mr. George Rice is the guest of Mrs. Bigsby and children, of 2019 Wood street, for a few days.

Miss Eureka Holmes, a school teacher, in one of the schools in South Dakota, is visiting at her home, 916 Caledonia street.

Mr. John Thayer of St. Paul, is visiting at the home of his mother, Mrs. Thayer, corner of St. James and Caledonia street.

Mr. and Mrs. H. J. Bullock and daughter, Klean, will leave soon for Sauk Rapids, Michigan, where they will spend Christmas with relatives and friends.

Mr. Harrison Smith of Viroqua is the guest of Mr. Lemuel Rabbitt, for a few days.

Arthur Richards left this morning for Dubuque for a short visit with relatives and friends.

George McConnell left today for Savanna, Ill., for a visit with friends. The Burlington Oriental Limited, No. 52, was three hours late yesterday.

If you irritate a photographer, would he look pleasant?

NEW NELSON STORE NEARLY COMPLETED

The canvas which has covered the front of the new Nelson Clothing company store on Caledonia street was removed yesterday, exposing to view of the public for the first time the unique arrangement of the show windows of the new store. The windows are built on a plan entirely new in La Crosse, the Nelson store being the first establishment to use it. The heavy plate glass is surrounded and set in burnished copper, the entire front of the store presenting a rich appearance through the use of copper throughout in the show windows.

The windows are put in under a patented process which excludes water and yet allows cold air to circulate freely inside the windows. This is guaranteed to keep the windows from becoming frosted in the winter, keeping the glass always clear.

The new Nelson store is the largest commercial establishment on the north side with one exception. It is also one of the most up to date stores in the city in the matter of internal arrangements. The fixtures have not yet been put in, but members of the firm declare that no expense has been spared to have everything of the best. The firm will move into its new quarters about the middle of January.

Building and Grounds Committee.

NOTICE
The undersigned Road and Bridge Committee of the County Board will receive sealed bids at the office of the County Clerk on the 21st day of December, 1911, at 10 o'clock a. m. for a traction engine suitable for road work.

Said engine shall be not less than 16 nor more than 20 horsepower, must have coal bunker and water tank attached and draw bar at rear, the width of the machine.

For further particulars address John Hintgen, County Highway Commissioner.

Dated at La Crosse, Wis., this 7th day of December, 1911.

PETER GULLICKSON,
FRED PAULSON,
WM. WOLF,
H. A. JACOBS,
J. C. MOORE,
OSCAR H. HULBERG,
W. D. STRATMAN,
Road and Bridge Committee.

TRIES TO KILL WIFE

MANKATO, Minn., Dec. 21.—Jas. Lantrell of this city, in a fit of jealousy, shot his wife twice at 6:30 last evening while in a throng of holiday shoppers.

Family troubles are assigned as the cause of the shooting. The woman is in a critical condition, but will live, it is said.

If some games of the national pastime are crooked, is that why they are termed base-ball?

NORTH SIDE NEWS

NEW DEPOT FOR THE NORTH SIDE

Milwaukee Road to Erect Modern Structure; Work to Start Early This Spring

DEMOLISH OLD LANDMARK

Present Building Has Been in Service for C. M. & St. P. for Thirty Years

The Chicago, Milwaukee & St. Paul station on the north side, for thirty-five years a landmark of the city, is doomed. It is to be superseded in the spring by a new and modern station which is to be erected on the site now occupied by the present building. This announcement was made this morning by Joseph H. Lutiger, yardmaster of the Milwaukee road.

Word of the definite adoption of plans for a new station was brought to La Crosse Tuesday by William O'Brien, master carpenter of the road. He stated to Mr. Lutiger that the officials had definitely decided to begin the construction of the new station early in the spring, probably about the end of February or the first of March.

Details concerning the construction of the new station are lacking. It is thought probable by local officials that the structure will be of brick to obviate the liability of fire from the frequent engine movements past the depot. The station will also be surrounded by a brick or concrete platform.

The present structure will be moved to the small park just west of its location during the erection of the new one. After the new one is in use the old building will probably be used for offices, although it may later be decided to destroy it. The erection of the building will probably be finished during May, 1912.

League Responsible

That the agitation of the North Side Progressive league for better sanitation and for a new station is in great measure responsible for the decision of the railway officials, is the opinion of local officials. The progressive league has been working for a new station since its organization seven years ago. Recently they began a campaign for the installation of toilet rooms in the old station. The health department of the city was consulted, and it was discovered that the city had the power to legally force the railroad to install the proposed improvements.

It is thought that the road decided it would be poor policy to install new toilet rooms in the old building, which lacks the room.

The depot has for some years been too small to accommodate the business. Several years ago it was attacked by fire, and partially destroyed. At that time it was thought probable that a new station would be built, but the road took no action in the matter, and the old building was repaired.

Employees of the road locally claimed this morning that for years plans and blue prints for a new depot have been on file in the head offices of the road, but that the pressure has never been great enough to require them to start construction.

If De Oro banks the balls at pool, what does Luther Burbank?



High cut, button boots, short vamp, pair **\$3.50**
Patent leather button shoes, pair **\$2.50**
Poke around our window and see our Christmas Slippers.

MARTIN ROTH
522 MAIN STREET
2 Doors East of Majestic.

TRAIN WILL TAKE TRADE FROM HERE

Dubuque Papers Claim that New Train on Milwaukee will Divert Business Downriver

A new train which the Milwaukee road recently put on between Waukon, Ia., and Dubuque is strongly touted by the Dubuque newspapers as an agent which will result in diverting a great deal of trade from La Crosse to Dubuque from the towns in northern Iowa.

The new train was put on last Monday. It runs from Waukon every morning except Sunday, stopping at all the local points en route to Dubuque. It runs back in the evening. The train stops at Guttenberg, McGregor, Turkey River and Buena Vista on both trips. It leaves Waukon at 8:45 in the morning, and reaches Dubuque at 11:10, and leaves Dubuque at 4:15, arriving in Waukon at 6:40.

The new train was secured by the efforts of the Dubuque Industrial Corporation and the co-operation of the towns concerned. Dubuque claim for the new train that it will have the effect of weaning from La Crosse trade of Prairie du Chien, El-kader, and all the smaller towns on the route. The agitation for this train service between the smaller towns and Dubuque dates from last summer, when the proposition was first put up to the officials of the road by the members of the Dubuque civic organization.

NOTICE

The undersigned committee of the County Board will receive sealed bids for 10 cords of rock more or less to be delivered at the County Jail. The said rock to be good, hard, clean limestone and to be delivered as ordered by the said committee.

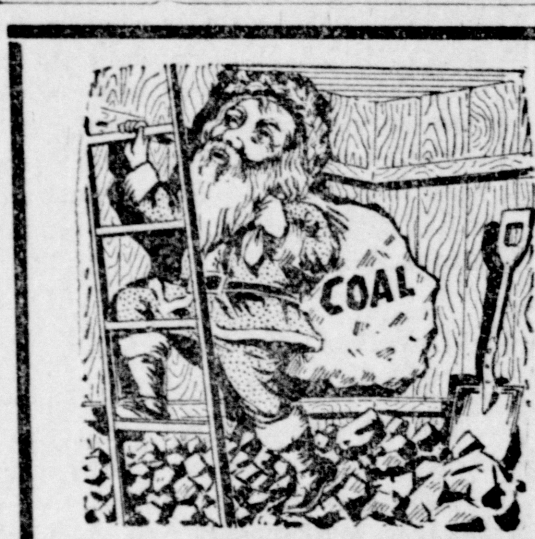
Bids will be received at the office of the County Clerk, December 22nd, at 2 o'clock P. M.

Dated La Crosse, Wis., December 12, 1911.

W. A. BRADLEY,
PETER LEHNEN,
GEO. J. RITTER,

Ask Your Doctor

All run down, easily tired, thin, pale, nervous? And do not know what to take? Then go direct to your doctor. Ask his opinion of Ayer's non-alcoholic Sarsaparilla. No alcohol, no stimulation. A blood purifier, a nerve tonic, a strong alternative, an aid to digestion. Let your doctor decide.



If Santa Claus Finds Coal in your cellar, he will know you are a good provider and that's the kind of people he likes. If you are not quite sure you have plenty better have us send you a ton or two. Above all things see that you have plenty for the kitchen range or else there may be trouble with the Christmas dinner.

STOEN & EBERHART CO.

Coal—Coke—Wood Yard
"The Home of Good Fuel"
505 Wall St. Both Phones 191



AN IRRESPONSIBLE WATCH is like the irresponsible person—never to be depended upon. For strictly high class watches—watches that with proper care will keep absolute time without the variation of a fraction of a second—our stock is exceptionally attractive. We carry only the standard makes of American and imported timekeepers, exercise the greatest care in the selection of both movements and cases, and guarantee every watch sold. Christmas is the time for watches.

Robt. Braun
318 Pearl St. La Crosse



STAVRUM & HULBERG

HAVE A BIG STORE FULL OF

Useful and Practical Gifts for Men

Get him something he really wants—From "A men's store"—Clothing and Furnishings.

THE HONEST CORNER

228-230 MAIN STREET

Christmas Candy

New Nuts, Figs and Dates, Bananas, Oranges, Lemons, Apples and Cider, Oysters and Celery, Cranberries and Early Vegetables.

John C. Burns Fruit House



VANILLA, STRAWBERRY AND CHOCOLATE In Quart Bricks Ice Cream and Butter Co.

COTTON HOLDING IS FOUND TO BE LEGAL

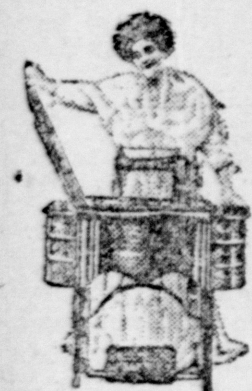
HOUSTON, Texas, Dec. 21.—The assistant attorney general of Texas in an opinion rendered to Governor Colquitt holds the cotton holding movement in the south to be perfectly legal and in no sense a violation of the Sherman anti-trust law. The point was made by the Tom Green county local chairman, appointee of Governor Colquitt, who declared he had been informed the cotton holding movement as inaugurated at the conference of southern governors at New Orleans is a violation of the anti-trust law.

The opinion of the Texas department is the first called for in relation to the cotton holding movement and will give impetus to the holding movement throughout the south, because it clears the legal status of the various county chairmen appointed in the various states by the governors as to their participation in leading the movement.

FIERCE GALE HITS FLORIDA

PENSACOLA, Fla., Dec. 21.—A windstorm reaching a velocity of sixty miles an hour, struck here late yesterday and did considerable damage to shipping in the harbor.

A Perfect Sewing Machine at a Very Surprisingly Low Price THE FREE



is now on exhibition at our store. Have you seen it? If not, you had better plan on coming down tomorrow morning and you will see: The Lightest Running Sewing Machine on earth—the only one to have 8 sets of Ball Bearings. The Fastest Running Machine on earth—the only one to have the Rotocillo Movement. The Most Perfect Stitching Machine—the only one to have an Automatic Thread Controller, an Automatic Tension Release, Square Feed. The Most Convenient Sewing Machine—the only one to have a Rotary Spool Pin, Automatic Shuttle Ejector, Improved Head Latch, Belt Guards, Reinforced Shuttle, etc., etc.

The Most Beautiful with its French Leg Design and Dustless Japaning.

If there were space here we would tell you of many other good points. Mr. Free—when perfecting the FREE Sewing Machine, carefully avoided all the bad points of all other machines, and besides invented many new conveniences. Why wouldn't he believe that such a perfect Sewing Machine could be made for such a ridiculously low price. That's why we don't advertise the price. You have to see to believe.

You can have this wonderful Sewing Machine in your own home to use every day for

\$1.00 A Week

Does this interest you? Of course it does—make your plans now—it will save you money—save you time—save you aggravation if you COME AND SEE THE "FREE" TOMORROW.

REUTER & MADER
125-127 SOUTH FOURTH ST.

MOCCASINS!

Moccasins make useful Christmas presents. I have them in all sizes. Call and see a nice line of Art Leathers for fancy work. Shoe Repairing.

ELLIS E. LANGDON
UNION SHOP

New Phone 489-A 429 Jay Street

PERSONAL

When in doubt, go to the Blou. Mr. and Mrs. Guy Parker have gone to Minneapolis, where they will visit friends.

B. Knutson of this city went to White Sulphur Springs, Mont., recently on account of his health. Paul Daffe has returned from Billings, Mont., where he registered for a homestead.

George D. Long left yesterday for Milwaukee to transact business there for several days.

Sydney Anderson of Lanesboro is spending a few days in La Crosse this week.

Give the boy a membership in the Y. M. C. A. for Christmas. Call us up. Y. M. C. A.

Fred Eckhart, a resident of Lanesboro, was a business caller in the city yesterday.

G. P. Andrew came to the city from Ferryville yesterday afternoon to remain here on business for a short time this week.

Dr. Will Powell, diseases of women. W. J. Rutherford from Wykoff, Minn., is a La Crosse visitor today.

E. E. Mohr, who lives in Lansing, Iowa, is spending a few days in La Crosse this week.

Mr. and Mrs. J. K. Case of Viroqua are visiting in La Crosse for several days.

John A. Larson arrived in the city from Spring Grove, Minn., this morning to remain here on business for a few days.

Don't forget the big sale of Leonas now on at Leona factory, 221 Main St. F. Twining, whose home is in Viroqua, is a business caller in La Crosse today.

Irvine M. Keller, traveling passenger agent of the Missouri Pacific railroad company, came to the city from his headquarters in Chicago this morning and visited at the C. B. & Q. ticket office.

Dr. Geo. Powell, consulting physician and surgeon.

J. M. Ryan, former C. B. & Q. conductor, who is now living in Conrad, Mont., and who has been attending the land show at St. Paul, left this morning for his home after visiting in La Crosse for a few days.

J. R. Abbotts, a resident of Caledonia, visited in the city yesterday.

C. P. Fox returned to his home in Chasaburg yesterday after spending a few days in La Crosse.

Palmer Livery is still furnishing funeral turn outs at \$2.50 straight.

Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Johnson, who were in the city for several days, returned to Holmen this morning.

M. S. Giles of Madison traveling passenger agent of the New York Central lines, visited at the C. B. & Q. offices yesterday.

Louis Monti, a resident of Genoa, is a La Crosse visitor today.

Mr. and Mrs. Abel Jostad of West Salem visited friends in La Crosse yesterday.

Boiler, engine, belting, good condition, suitable creamery, mill, etc., for sale. N. M. Stormont, care of R. G. Dunn & Co.

Miss Clara Benton from Viroqua is spending a few days in the city this week.

Mrs. B. E. Jensen came to the city from Ferryville this morning to remain here for a few days.

O. J. Larson, who lives in Mabel, Minn., is the guest of La Crosse friends.

Hack and baggage calls made, Gateway City Trif. Line, Phone 175.

P. B. Qualey arrived in the city from Caledonia this morning to transact business here for a short time this week.

Thomas Latimer of Genoa returned to his home this morning after a business trip to La Crosse.

Albert Tolles, who lives in Viroqua, is calling on friends here for a few days this week.

Dance at Linker hall Saturday, Dec. 23. Music, Andre's orchestra.

O. L. Larson, a resident of Mabel, Minn., is a La Crosse visitor for a few days.

Boys' high cut shoes from \$1.88 up. Paulsen Shoe Co.

Miss Mabel Habberstad of Lanesboro is spending a few days in the city this week.

A. C. Iverson, whose home is in Mabel, Minn., is the guest of La Crosse friends today.

The winter term of the Keefe Business College, corner Fourth and Pearl streets, will begin Jan. 2, 1912. Night school Tuesday and Friday evenings of each week. Special advantages to those who enroll now. Call, telephone or write for further information.

Mrs. A. J. Johnson from Viroqua is visiting in the city today.

Mrs. C. P. Cox from Chasaburg is in the city for a few days this week.

Electric Christmas tree lights and flat irons at E. H. Jaekel's, 722 So. 6th.

B. Ehlenz, a resident of Caledonia, is a business caller in the city today.

H. Wright came to the city from Austin, Minn., yesterday afternoon to remain here for several days.

Prompt delivery of packages at reasonable rates. W. U. Tel. Co., both phones No. 9.

John and Robert Rees of Sparta are spending a few days in the city this week.

Mrs. B. Gardner, a resident of Chasaburg, is spending a few days in La Crosse this week.

C. M. Asbjornson of Viroqua is a La Crosse visitor today.

Mrs. Alma Spencer of Leroy, Minn., and Miss Frances Bauch of St. Paul, will spend the holidays with relatives here.

Poor Commissioners S. Burdick and E. L. Aiken, left for Bangor this morning to attend the funeral of George Schroeder, son of Poor Commissioner Fred Schroeder.

WOLF KILLED NEAR MADISON.

MADISON, Wis., Dec. 21.—(Special.)—A full grown wolf, a rarity in this part of the state, was shot in the town of Fitchburg, this county, by Thomas Richard, a farmer. The county and state each paid him a bounty of \$10 yesterday.

SAMPLES



98c

The Choice of Women's Felt Juliets, Fur Trimmed, Worth \$1.25 and \$1.50, in all Colors: Black, Wine, Red, Brown and Green.

ADAMS

The Shoeman At J. E. Willing's Store.

NET TIGHTENS ABOUT PETERSON

Former Lumberman Is Charged with Burning Big Yards; Held for Trial

If District Attorney Markham's chain of circumstantial evidence, in the case of the State vs. M. Peterson, charged with the burning of the North Star Lumber company yards and offices at Osseo on the 27th of November, which resulted in a loss of about \$15,000, proves true, a case will go down on the annals of Trempealeau county, which for criminal invention has seldom been equalled in ten cent detective novels. Peterson, who was formerly the manager of the North Star Lumber yards, was bound over to await the action of the circuit court yesterday and the bonds were placed at \$2,000.

According to District Attorney Markham, Peterson's books did not balance and the day before the fire occurred the directors announced that an inspection of the books were to be made within a few days and that an inventory would also be taken.

Attorney Markham declares, that on the day previous to the fire, Peterson purchased a ticket to Eau Claire in order to prove an alibi. He is then said to have purchased a ticket from Eau Claire to Fairchild, fourteen miles from Osseo but is alleged to have gotten off the train at a nearer station where he attempted to hire a livery but upon his refusal to take a driver he was refused the hire.

He is then alleged to have started to walk and J. Kelly, a witness for the prosecution declares that he met him a few miles out of the town and that Peterson rode with him to within two miles of Osseo. He left Kelly at 1 o'clock and at 2:30 the fire was discovered.

At 6:30 Attorney Markham asserts he boarded a train at Fairchild for Osseo. In concluding his interview, Mr. Markham says there is little doubt but that Peterson will be found guilty before the circuit court.

Ends Winter's Troubles

To many, winter is a season of trouble. The frost-bitten toes and fingers, chapped hands and lips, chilblains, cold-sores, red and rough skins, prove this. But such troubles fly before Bucklen's Arnica Salve. A trial convinces. Greatest healer of Burns, Bolls, Piles, Cuts, Sores, Bruises, Eczema and Sprains. Only 25c at O. T. Erhart.

PAPER CONTRACTS AWARDED.

MADISON, Wis., Dec. 21.—(Special.)—Contracts for paper for the state of Wisconsin aggregating nearly \$25,000 were awarded late yesterday by the state printing commission, consisting of Secretary of State Frear, State Treasurer Dahl, and Attorney General Bancroft. The F. A. Bauer company, Milwaukee, with a bid of \$15,931, was given the contract for book paper, and that for writing paper (\$7,780.75). The West Envelope company, Milwaukee, received the envelope contract, with a bid of \$1,196. This order includes 670,000 envelopes.

ONLY TWO MORE DAYS FOR CHRISTMAS BUYING

What shall I give? I wish to buy some Christmas presents, but am undecided what to give. Perhaps we can help you to decide. We have everything in jewelry, silverware, cut glass, clocks, watches, rings, toilet goods, shaving sets, brass goods, chains, locket, Sheffield plate, sterling silver, etc.

Come and look our goods over and we are sure you will find the right article to give at the right price.

W. T. IRVINE, JEWELER, Open Evenings

SOCIETY

MRS. W. J. KOCH HOSTESS

Mrs. William J. Koch, 313 Rose street, was the hostess at a pretty Christmas party at her residence last evening, the guests spending the time in playing Christmas games for which prizes were awarded.

Refreshments were served at 10:30 after which the guests departed every one reporting a very good time. The table was nicely decorated with holly, Christmas bells, and tinsel which proved to be very appropriate for the occasion. Prizes for the evening were awarded Miss Laura Davidson, Miss Margaret Ruetter and Mrs. G. Mosher.

Those present were the Misses Ella Keaveny, Margaret Ruetter, Laura Davidson, Dolly Kneebes, Jessie Cook, Fay Kinney, and Mesdames S. Roth, Frank Smith, W. A. Colgan, A. Mosher and L. G. Kinney.

BIRTHDAY DINNER

Robert Farnam, son of Mr. and Mrs. A. S. Farnam, will give a dinner of twenty covers this evening in honor of his birthday.

SOCIAL BRIEFS

Miss Dorothy Young, who is attending Stanley Hall at Minneapolis will spend her Christmas holidays with her mother, Mrs. Bertha Young. Margaret Farnam, who is attending Stout university, is home for the Christmas week.

Miss Carrie Nast left this noon for Fond du Lac for an absence of two weeks which she will spend with friends.

Mrs. David Austin and granddaughter, Virginia Hill, will leave tomorrow noon for Chicago to spend Christmas with Mr. and Mrs. C. D. Hill.

FALCONIO TAKES CHARGE OF CHURCH

ROME, Dec. 21.—Cardinal Falconio, with impressive ceremony this afternoon took formal possession of his titular church, Santa Maria in Ara Coeli.

Santa Maria in Ara Coeli is one of the oldest and most famous of all edifices of worship in Rome. Its name means in English, Saint Mary of the Altar of the Heavens. It is located on the site of what was in the old days a temple to Jupiter, built by Romulus. It was the stairs leading from this temple that Caesar descended on his knees after his triumph in Britain.

The nave of the church is supported by twenty-two huge columns taken from the various temples of ancient Rome. One of the chapels encloses what is declared to be the altar of Caesar Augustus.

The shrine of the "Bambino," one of the most famous in all Europe, is located within the church. It consists of an image of the infant Christ, carved out of olive wood from the garden of Gethsemane.

LA FOLLETTE SPENDS HOLIDAYS SPEAKING

WASHINGTON, Dec. 21.—Explaining the plans for Senator La Follette's speaking trip, Walter L. Houser, chairman of the progressive republican campaign committee, today issued the following statement:

"Senator La Follette will leave Washington the day after Christmas and will return to the capital January 7. His trip is undertaken in response to the demands of the progressive republicans in four states—Ohio, Michigan, Illinois and Indiana. The general plan of the trip, as mapped out by the clubs which have asked the senator to address them, is similar to that adopted for Ohio. In that state he will spend four days and will meet audiences representing both the industrial and agricultural elements.

"Later on, in 1912, Senator La Follette will meet the requests of the progressive republicans in New York, New England and in some of the states following the Mississippi river."

EVIDENCE FOUND AGAINST KIMMEL

ST. LOUIS, Mo., Dec. 21.—Evidence which he claims will prove conclusively that "Andrew J. White," the former convict who claims to be George A. Kimmel of Niles, Mich., is not Kimmel, has been discovered by Frederick H. Bacon of this city, attorney for the Kimmel family. Bacon, who has just returned from Niles, said today that he had discovered one vital fact entirely overlooked in former investigations—namely, that George A. Kimmel, at the time he applied for insurance, was five feet ten inches tall. In the former trials, said Bacon, this startling fact was overlooked by attorneys for the plaintiff, but he claims that it is incontrovertibly proved by the insurance records and four Bertillon measurements and that it is impossible for a man to "shrink" two and a half inches in so short a time.

White's inability to properly pronounce a number of proper names with which Kimmel was perfectly familiar will also be used at the coming trial, to be held some time in January to determine whether White is really "Kimmel" as he claims.



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280 LICENSES PAID.

SNOW DELAYS IOWA TRAINS

MADISON, Wis., Dec. 21.—(Special.)—The department of state yesterday received over \$1,400 in fees for automobile and motorcycle licenses, which must be secured before Jan. 1 under the new law. This amount represents about 280 licenses.

Following three weeks of Indian summer, a snowstorm preceded by sleet, has been raging for twenty-four hours and still continues. The snowfall is not heavy but street car service has been impeded in many cities and all railroad trains are delayed.

LOEB TO MANAGE TAFT'S CAMPAIGN

Will Go After New York Delegation to National Convention; Root to Be Financier

NEW YORK, Dec. 21.—Important political developments, having a national bearing, following a series of political conferences held yesterday by President Taft with republican leaders. The chief of them was the fact that William Loeb, collector of customs in the port of New York, will be in charge of the Taft campaign for the New York state delegation to the republican national convention, and that Senator Elihu Root will have charge of financing the campaign and allaying antagonism that has arisen in business circles because of the precautions of the trusts.

Loeb, it is said, will have no political title, but he will be in absolute charge of the campaign in New York.

The conferences were held at the home of the president's brother, Henry W. Taft. The first callers of the day were Republican State Chairman William Barnes, Roosevelt's old time foe, and Otto Bannard, former republican candidate for mayor of New York.

Following this conference, it was understood that President Taft expressed himself as favoring the retention of Barnes as state chairman, despite the recent bitter fight that has been made on the old guard leader.

Sherman for Governor
It was indicated from the conferences that the president would assist Vice President Sherman to secure the republican nomination for governor of New York.

It is said the president learned from Barnes and Bannard, too, that there was no doubt Roosevelt had eliminated himself as a possible candidate for the republican presidential nomination.

It is understood plans were made

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We can furnish anything he requires in this line. Come in and see what a lot of nice things we can show you that we cannot take space to tell you about here. There isn't a man under the sun who doesn't want something in Men's wear.

MEN'S AND BOYS' GLOVES

Every man and boy will appreciate receiving gloves as a Christmas gift. Gloves put up in pretty holiday boxes.

Children's fur top or Mocha Mittens, priced at the pair **50c**
Boys' Rough Rider or Black Plush Gauntlet Gloves, per pair **50c**

Fleece-lined Gloves for men, per pair **\$1.00, \$1.25, \$1.50**
Imported English Cape Walking Gloves for men, per pair at **\$1.25, \$1.50, \$2.00**
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Are always useful, always acceptable and always appropriate for gift purposes.

Umbrellas for men, 26-inch or 28-inch, material taffeta silk, handle trimmed with gold or silver and every other desirable material, \$1.50, \$2.00, \$2.50 and \$3.50.

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Men's Domet Flannel Pajamas, at **\$1.00, \$1.25, \$1.50, \$2.00**
Men's Pongee Oxford or Madras Pajamas, light or dark colors, at **\$1.25, \$1.50, \$2.00, \$3.00**
Men's Domet flannel or fancy embroidered Night Shirts **50c**
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Excellent two-toned fancy plaid, all-wool reversible Smoking Jackets, many styles of plaids and checks... **\$3.50, \$4.50 and \$5.00**

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Men's combination sets, pure silk socks, tie and handkerchief to match, in fancy boxes, 75c, \$1.00

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All-wool Sweater Coats, Oxford, navy, maroon and white colors, each, \$1.00, \$1.50, \$2.00, \$2.50, \$3.00, \$3.50 and \$4.00.

Men's and Boys' Jerseys, warm, comfortable and useful, \$1.00, \$1.50 and \$2.00.
Men's Cardigan Jackets, black and brown, \$2.00, \$2.75, \$3.50 and \$4.00.

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Put up in handsome gift boxes. Men's fine Silk Suspensers, in Christmas boxes, per pair **50c**

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Men's fine silk Hosiery, all the new colors, pair 25c and 35c

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MEN'S NECKWEAR

Men's fine all-silk Four-in-hand Neckwear, handsome shading and colors of every description. Every Necktie put up in a fancy box, **25c**

Men's excellent quality Silk Four-in-hand Neckties, dainty, pretty shade and colors, put up in fancy boxes, at **50c**

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Men's fine Silk Handkerchiefs, with beautiful hand-made initials, each **25c and 50c**

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The newest fashion and most desirable style for neck scarfs. Silk mercerized, black, white or pearl gray. Special at **50c**

Silk mercerized, with silk fringe, at **\$1.00**

All pure Silk Knitted Scarfs, at **\$1.50, \$2.00 and \$2.50.**

SCHROEDER DEATH MAY MEAN SUIT

Engineer Failed to Blow Whistle at Crossing, Says Witness; Funeral Today

There is a strong possibility of a damage suit against the Chicago and Northwestern Railroad company for the death of George Schroeder who was killed near Bangor Tuesday morning, according to reports from that village.

At the investigation held by Coroner L. Kleeber shortly after the death of Schroeder several witnesses to the accident asserted that they had not heard the whistle blow and no witness could be produced to declare that the whistle had blown. The trainmen in charge could not be reached in time for the inquest and as yet Coroner Kleeber has no statement from them in this matter.

Witnesses also aver that the train was traveling close to sixty miles per hour. Coroner Kleeber asserts that while the accident occurred at Loomisville crossing, one-half mile west of Bangor, the engineer was unable to stop the train until it had reached the depot at Bangor.

"Some idea of the speed at which the train was traveling can be obtained from the fact that one of the horses was thrown 240 feet, while the other was thrown 195 feet," said Mr. Kleeber. "The body of Schroeder was thrown about 125 feet and witnesses declare that the man, horses and wagon were thrown through the air at a distance of twenty feet from the ground."

The funeral services were held at the home in Bangor at 2 o'clock this afternoon and burial was made in the Bangor cemetery.

for the president to make a bid for the solid republican delegation from New York. Appreciating the enmity Barnes has made in certain quarters, it is said Loeb was picked as the most successful man to conduct the campaign for the delegates. He will be in supreme command, over Barnes, it is understood.

Knox Not Ignored
In addition to Barnes and Bannard, Taft today talked with Melville E. Stone and President W. H. Hawk of the Ohio society. With the latter he discussed the Ohio banquet to be given him January 27. The president also received Dr. N. E. Eddy, noted American woman physician and surgeon who is connected with medical work in Turkey.

It was denied today that the president had ignored Secretary Knox when taking action relative to the Russian passport question. It was said the president daily discussed the subject with Knox.

The president today declined to comment upon the fact that no New York policemen were detailed to guard him when he arrived in New York last night. Policemen, however, were detailed to escort the president everywhere he went today.

ATTENDS FAMILY REUNION
Dr. N. H. Brophy of Viroqua, was in La Crosse yesterday on his way home from a protracted visit in Fillmore county, Minn. He attended a family reunion the first in six years.

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SPORTING :: NEWS ::

BADGER TRACK TEAM IN SHAPE

Coach Wilson Whipping the Team Into Shape for the Track Meets; Schedule Announced

MADISON, Wis., Dec. 21.—Coach Wilson is planning on a strenuous season for his track athletes this year. Arrangements are now being made for twelve meets beginning with the dual meet with Northwestern on March 9 and ending with the conference on June 1.

The outdoor meets with Illinois and Minnesota are not scheduled yet, but the coach hopes to get both for the dates mentioned. It is more than likely also that the Badgers will enter a team in the Illinois and Pennsylvania relay meets. The list of dates is as follows:

March 9—Dual meet with Northwestern at Evanston.

March 16—Interclass intercollegiate indoor meet at Madison.

March 23—Open.

March 30—Annual indoor conference meet at Evanston.

April 20—Handicap meet.

April 25—Annual interclass outdoor meet at Madison.

May 4—Illinois at Madison.

May 11—Minnesota at Madison.

May 18—Chicago at Chicago.

May 23—Intercollegiate meet at Madison.

May 24—Interclass meet at Madison.

May 25—Annual state interscholastic meet at Madison.

June 1 and 2—Conference meet at Lafayette.

PLAYERS TO GET MONEY NOT EARNED

That a meeting of the directors of the La Crosse baseball club will be held shortly after Christmas for the purpose of taking the decision of the national commission in regard to paying the players for the extra week that their contract called for, under consideration, is the announcement made by President John Elliott of the La Crosse Outcasts today.

Following the withdrawal of the Wausau and Red Wing clubs from the Minny league during the middle of last season, the schedule was shortened one week but as the contracts called for the full time of the original schedule, the national commission has held that the clubs of the Minny league must pay their players for the extra week before the first of January in order to hold them.

The directors of the Outcasts will meet next week and the salaries of the players which they wish to retain will probably be paid up while those which they have no further use for, will be allowed to sign with any other team as a free player.

NOT A BACK NUMBER

BUFFALO, N. Y., Dec. 21.—"Don't let anybody tell you Jack Johnson is a back number and that any of these 'white hopes' are going to whip him. There are only two men in the world who would have a chance with him now—Sam Langford and Joe Jeannette."

This was the declaration of Tex Rickard, of Goldfield, Nev., who is here.

BRADISH HONORED AT UNIVERSITY

La Crosse Boy Gets "W" for Winning Glory on the Cross Country Team

MADISON, Wis., Dec. 21.—The Badger athletic board at its meeting here Tuesday night elected Robert Tristram of Norwalk, Conn., who is assistant manager of this year's football eleven, manager for next year, and Donald Daube of Chicago, assistant manager.

Letters were awarded to the members of the Wisconsin cross-country team, which finished second in the intercollegiate race at Iowa City on November 18. The men who were honored are: Captain Dieter, Cleveland, who won the race; White, Seaton and Bradish, of La Crosse. Captain Dieter was awarded the customary "W" blanket, while Walter Sheriffs of Chicago, manager of the team, received the customary "W" blanket, while Robert Alton of Winnetka, Ill., was elected manager of next year's team. The awarding of numerals to the members of the sophomore and freshman teams was postponed until a subsequent meeting. Arthur Himmelstein of Milwaukee, was elected manager of this season's swimming team.

ELIMINATION NOW ON

CHICAGO, Dec. 21.—Elimination trials to pick the team of the Bohemian-American gymnastic union which will represent this country at the international gymnastic tournament at Prague next summer, will be held here next week.

When George La Blanche went to the hotel and rang for the bellboy, was it a Blanche Ring?

APPLETON TEAM DEFEATS RIPON

RIPON, Wis., Dec. 21.—Company D's basketball team met defeat here last night 26 to 29, at the hands of the Ask Wettengel aggregation from Appleton. At the end of the first half, the visitors led by four points, and the contest was undecided until the final whistle.

French and Chrote starred for Ripon, and Clifford played a brilliant game for Appleton.

The Ripon team is preparing a full schedule for the coming season.

BROWN AND CROSS FIGHT TO DRAW

NEW YORK, Dec. 21.—New York papers disagree today as to the winner of last night's ten round battle between Leach Cross and Knockout Brown, though a majority of them give the honors to Cross and declare he placed himself in line for a fight with Ad Wolgast when the champion lightweight returns to the ring. Brown showed more marks of the fight than Cross today. The largest crowd that has attended a fight in New York in recent years was present.

PACKEY QUILTS

CHICAGO, Dec. 21.—Chicago fight fans were agog today over a report that Packey McFarland, idol of the Stock Yards, had determined to retire from the ring. Emil Thiry, McFarland's manager, knew nothing of the report, but said he had not seen his charge since Packey's bout with Tommy Murphy, at San Francisco.

Hard work in making the required weights is said to be the reason for Packey's decision to retire. Thiry said the lightweight was in poor physical condition, and would take a long rest before again entering the ring.

If an American has more knowledge than a Turk, what does a Jew know?

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Saturday
each . . **\$2.98**

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LIGHTS ON RINKS PLAN OF FORRER

Winter Pleasure Resorts to
Be Illuminated and in
Good Condition by
Sunday

THE BOOTHS ARE REPAIRED

Stoves Installed and Details
Arranged for La Crosse
Followers of Ice
Skating

That the rinks at the Hood street and West Avenue playgrounds and Cope land Park will be in excellent condition and will afford good skating by Sunday was the announcement made by Park Superintendent J. H. Forrer this morning.

The rinks are to be flooded and undergo other improvements which will put them in the best of shape this week and on Christmas good skating can be had there. Everything possible for the convenience and comfort of the skaters had been done so that by Monday the best rinks the city has ever had will be found at the three places mentioned. An improvement which will do much towards making the rinks popular is the fact that all rinks will be illuminated by means of gasoline vapor lamps which have recently been purchased by the commission for this purpose. In this way every part of the rinks will be brilliantly lighted by these lamps and skaters can enjoy the rinks at night as well as in the day time for there will be plenty of light. This makes the rinks up-to-date in every way and the ice will be kept in the best of shape throughout the winter so that they can be used all the time.

Booths Repaired
The booths at the three rinks have been thoroughly gone over so as to make them the best to be had in order to accommodate the skaters. By enlarging the booths and adding conveniences which have never before been had the booths are to be the best ever placed at the rinks. Gasoline vapor lamps have been placed in all the booths as well as on the rinks so that the buildings will be well lighted as well as having many other conveniences for skaters. By virtue of all the improvements made by the commission this year there is every indication that the rinks will this winter be even more popular than in former years when many came there to skate. It is likely that more will visit the rinks than ever before and that an especially successful season will be enjoyed.

EXALTED RULER OF ELKS GETS BUSY

PORTLAND, Ore., Dec. 21.—(Special.)—Through the efforts of John P. Sullivan, grand exalted ruler of the Elks, conflicts in the dates of the important conventions of 1912 will be avoided.

As soon as it was decided that the Elks would hold their annual reunion in Portland during the week of July 8, Mr. Sullivan conferred with officials of the Grand Army and the Shriners with the result that the conventions of those organizations will be held in Los Angeles in September and May respectively. By urging the subject on members of the republican national committee, he succeeded in having the date for the republican convention in Chicago set for the week of June 18.

He has started similar negotiations with the democratic national committee, and it is probable that another week than that chosen by the Elks will be selected for the democratic convention.

NEW PARCELS POST

PARIS, Dec. 21.—The high cost of living has caused the government to inaugurate a new species of parcel post. City dwellers may now buy from 22 to 85 pounds of country produce direct from the farmer and have it sent to him by post at greatly reduced rates.

TO FIGHT FOR WOMEN

DES MOINES, Ia., Dec. 21.—Vitality was given the woman's suffrage movement in Iowa today by the formation of the men's suffrage league which will wage a war for the women in every county in the state. The league is headed by F. M. Hubbel, Iowa's richest man; Henry Wallace, former president of the

National Conservation congress; James G. Bertrill, millionaire; Johnson Brigham, state librarian; H. W. Byers, former attorney general; Homer Miller, banker, and Supt. Riddle of the Des Moines city schools.

If Jack Johnson was born in Texas, where was "Colleen Bawn?" If Berger and Seidel had a debate, would the former be Victor?

PETER PARTY AT PETER PETERSON'S

Houston County Peters will
Convene to Oppose the
Oles and Celebrate
Golden Wedding

Washington's "Smart Set" may have their social squabbles and the "Four Hundred" of New York may produce a scandal that shocks the very foundation of eastern society but all fade in significance as we hear the deep and thunderous roar come floating over the Mississippi from Houston county the battle field of social aspirations.

Yes, Houston county is in the very throes of a life and death struggle which involves the social supremacy of that district. The people of non-social aspirations, perhaps it has never occurred, that Houston county has a social history, but it has, and it dates back for years. In fact Peter Peterson, Houge Ridge, who celebrates his golden wedding anniversary Saturday, declares that it was evening existence at the time of his settlement in that county and strange as it may seem, it is entirely due to his memory that the present battle is being waged.

Now for the history. Peter, although prosperous in every thing he has undertaken, has still been troubled by one little thorn in his path. The Oles of Houston county far outnumber the Peters, or at least that is the information coming from that county. As a consequence the said Oles have monopolized the social market with continual "Ole Parties."

At last, Peter has found a solution to the social question and announces that he intends to break into social circles with a thud. Here is the answer: On Saturday, Dec. 23, every Peter in Houston county will go to the home of Peter Peterson to participate in the golden wedding ceremony of Peter Peterson and his wife.

\$140,000 FOR AIR MEN

PARIS, Dec. 21.—The sum of \$140,000 has been set aside by the French war budget for 1912 for army airmen's salaries alone. Enlisted men will be taught the art of flying, and the 200 army aeroplanes now in service vastly augmented.

EARL GREY TO FIGHT ENGLISH SLUMS

LONDON, Dec. 21.—Earl Grey, former governor general of Canada, has announced that he intends to devote the next ten years of his life to "fighting English slums" and to hastening "the evolution of the worker from the servant to partner."

"The rule of the house of lords is at an end," he says. "The era of democracy has set in. Let us have a successful and prosperous democracy."

Toward this end Earl Grey suggests the "re-enfranchisement of the enslaved elector." He would revise the electoral system so that a majority of the whole country should rule, and not local majorities. "The present system," he says, "leads to the certain rule of the plutocrats."

If Gertrude Hoffman went to the zoo to see the animals, would she like the cinnamon bear?

\$26,000 STOLEN BY A GRAIN DEALER

WICHITA, Kas., Dec. 21.—It was announced here yesterday afternoon that Robert M. Hastings, of Hastings & Company, local grain dealers, has been missing since Friday night. He is alleged to have been implicated in forgeries totaling \$26,000. Walter Hastings, another partner in the firm, is a son-in-law of Crosby, the millionaire Minneapolis miller, who sent a lawyer here last week with orders to settle the shortage, then thought to amount to only 10,000. It was found to be greater and Crosby's attorney returned to Minneapolis.

CHANGE TO CLOSE SATURDAY

NEW YORK, Dec. 21.—The governing committee granted the petition of the members to close the Stock exchange on Saturday.

THE ELLIOTT-LOEFFLER CO.

Wholesale Wine and Liquor Merchants

Prompt Deliveries. Both Phones 198. 222-224 Pearl St., La Crosse, Wis.

MAKE CHRISTMAS MERRY

By having some of our WINES and WHISKIES in the House during the Jolly Season.

All Goods Delivered in Plain Packages.

You may get through a CHRISTMAS DINNER without WINE. So also a WAGON may run without GREASE, but in either case IT GOES HARD. The season for Feasting, Merry Making and Good Will is approaching. You want fresh supplies for your bar or sideboard.

Don't Forget Our Rich Old Madeiras, Ports, Sherries, Muscat, Rhine Wines, Liqueurs, Cordials, Champagnes, Ales, Porters, Brandies, Mineral Waters, Etc. Rare Old Whiskies in Ryes and Bourbons.

Our Cellars Are Full of California's
Best Wines and Brandies.

Get Last Night's Paper

and look over the remarkable
price reductions in all lines.

UNTIL JANUARY 1st, 1912

Every piece of Furniture, Carpets, Rugs,
Linoleums, Curtains, Draperies and Portiers are
cut way down deep. Here's a "hunch" for Xmas.

206 and 208
... MAIN ...
STREET

NELSON'S

The store out
of the high
rent district.

Stocks
Financial

TRIBUNE WANT ADS BRING RESULTS

Grain
Produce

HELP WANTED—MALE

WANTED—Men to learn the barber trade. An army of our graduates running shops depending upon us for barbers. Many jobs waiting. Few weeks completes. Can't be had elsewhere. Write today. Moler Barber College, Milwaukee, Wis.
12 6 tf

WANTED—A baker at once. Good pay, short hours. Give references. Address H. J. L., Lansing, Ia.
12 15 22

HELP WANTED—FEMALE

WANTED—Dining-room girl, at Henry & Frank's, 118 North 3rd street.
12 21 tf

WANTED—Experienced girl for general housework; good home; small family; good wages. 826 West avenue south.
12 21 22

FOR SALE

FOR SALE—10 room house with store, all modern improvements, lot 125x150, near the Normal school, suitable for rooming and boarding house, or for grocery, ice cream and confectionery business. Frank G. Roth Realty Co., Majestic Bldg. Money to loan. Houses and flats for rent. City property exchanged for farms.
12 20 20

FOR SALE—Piano, and folding bed, 1012 State street. New phone 668-C.
11 17 tf

FOR SALE—Hand power elevator, cheap. Fred Dittman Hardware Co.
12 16 tf

FOR SALE—One brick house, three big lots, at a bargain, on 1598 Travis. Old phone 433.
12 6 tf

FOR SALE—Set of bob sleighs. Inquire 118 South Ninth.
12 19 tf

FOR SALE—Owing to outside business interest demanding my attention, will sell grocery and sundry stock at a bargain if taken at once. Best location in city. Address P. P. L., Tribune.
12 19 25

FOR SALE—Picture frames, cheap. Jarvis, 319 Vine street.
12 19 25

FOR SALE—24 ft. launch, speed model, 10 h. p. 2 cycle engine; or will sell hull or engine separately. Call at 812 South Sixth street, or new phone 436-C.
12 18 23

FOR SALE—Five acres Alabama tobacco land. Town lot, 20 shares stock, at a bargain. Dr. Watterson.
12 9 tf

FOR SALE—Fine pianos. Pianos tuned. A. Ruhoff, 910 S. 7th.
11 1 tf

FOR SALE—7 room house at 1716 Prospect.
12 20 26

FOR SALE—One small range with reservoir. Stewart make. 210 S. 7th St.
12 20 22

FOR SALE—Shoe store fixtures, showcases, tables, etc. Address Aug. Brand, 1443 Loomis street, La Crosse, Wis.
12 20 23

FOR SALE—Boiler, engine, belting, good condition, suitable creamery, mill, etc. N. M. Stormont, care of R. G. Dunn & Co.
12 20 26

FOR SALE—Raccoon skin lap-robe. Call 1143-A new phone 12 15 21

FIRE WOOD, stove size, prompt delivery. Call at once. La Crosse Scrap Iron & Metal Co. Both phones.

FOR SALE—10 acre fruit farm. Address, F. Andrews, 1719 Berlin.
12 15 21

FOR SALE—A pair of good horses, cheap. Every way right, in good condition. 1306 Perry. R. Schermerhorn.
12 20 25

FOR SALE—Grocery stock. Address G. G., care of Tribune.
12 21 27

FOR RENT

FOR SALE—5 year old mare, weighs 1100 lbs. 923 1/2 Vine St.
12 21 23

FOR RENT—Four rooms at 429 South Ninth.
12 2 tf

FOR RENT—Furnished rooms for light housekeeping. 709 South Fourth.
11 30 tf

FOR SALE—House and lot, 127 South Twelfth. Inquire 121 South Third.
8 16 tf

FOR RENT—Modern furnished rooms, with or without board. 137 West avenue south.
11 25 tf

FOR RENT—MODERN CITY HEATED FLAT. LOCATION 1106 KING STREET. Possession after December 9. Inquire 1108 King street, or of Henry N. Gehrm, care of the Continental Clothing House.

FOR RENT—Five room all modern flat. Call either phone 128.
12 11 tf

FOR RENT—Modern house, except furnace. 812 Redfield.
12 6 tf

FOR RENT—Five room house. 417 South Sixth. New phone 1238-C.
12 14 tf

FOR RENT—Furnished rooms, city heat. 922 Main street.
12 5 tf

FOR RENT—Strictly modern, furnished flat. Call new phone 1175-M.
12 9 tf

FOR RENT—Six room house. 1417 Farnam street.
12 18 30

FOR RENT—Furnished room, centrally located, on North side, on car line. New phone 493-C.
12 19 25

YOU MAKE NO MISTAKE when you use Barker's Remedy. At Runckel's.
12 1 81

FOR RENT—Two well furnished rooms, with bath and heat, in good location. 308 North Seventh street.
12 1 tf

FOR RENT—Furnished rooms, modern. 130 North Seventh.
11 28 tf

FOR RENT—All modern house, also store building. Good location. Apply 824 Rose or 822 Mill street. Phone 1093-A.
10 31 tf

FOR RENT—Store, now occupied by Story & Clark Piano Co., at 322 South Fourth street, after Feb. 1.
12 18 23

FOR RENT—Four rooms, 728 Division. Inquire 935 Market.
11 25 tf

FOR RENT—Both sides of a double house at the corner of Fourth and Fine streets. Very reasonable. Ask Security Savings bank, 110 North Fourth.
11 15 tf

FOR RENT—House at 214 Sumner street. Inquire at 216 Sumner.
12 21 23

FOR RENT—Modern city heated flat, \$22.50. Call 219 South Tenth street.
11 28 tf

FOR RENT—Small store building, reasonable. Inquire 223 North Third.
12 12 25

FOR RENT—After Dec. 10, modern nine room house, 421 South 4th street. Inquire Clark & Clark, 422 South Fifth.
12 20 tf

FOR RENT—Three furnished rooms for light housekeeping, city heat, strictly modern. Address B. A. Tribune.
12 20 tf

FOR RENT—Store 313 Pearl street. Inquire of Joseph Boschert, National Bank of La Crosse.
12 12 tf

FOR RENT—Thoroughly modern room. 214 South Seventh.
10 31 tf

FOR RENT—Rooms, modern. 219 South Ninth.
12 12 tf

FOR RENT—Hotel, fixtures and good will, reasonable to right man. Call or write R. A. Schulz, Tomah, Wis.
12 15 22

FOR RENT—Seven room house, Sixteenth and Market; mostly modern. Rent reasonable. See C. W. Hunt, 225 Main street.
11 8 tf

MISCELLANEOUS

CUT RATES on household goods to Pacific coast and other points. Superior service at reduced rates. The Boyd Transfer Co., Minneapolis, Minn.

MONEY to loan on household goods. J. W. Smith, 311 Pearl street.
Dec. 20 Jan 19.

BAGGAGE and draying. Gus. Krueger, 1230 Winnebago. New phone 1263-A.
12 12 25

LIESENFELD'S GASOLINE WOOD SAWING—New phone 1247-M.
10 24 tf

Public Stenography

TYPEWRITING, copying, stenography, multiple letters, addressing, by experts. W. V. Kidder, 212-314 MacMillan building.
5 8 tf

Funeral Directors.

MILLEK BROS., undertakers and embalmers, 320 Main. Phone 286. Open day and night.

Lost.

LOST—This morning a pair of gold rimmed spectacles on No. 7th, between Pine and Badger, east side of street. Return to 434 No. 7th and receive reward.
12 20 29

LOST—Young Beagle hound, black and white with yellow ears. New phone 442-M. old 6461. Reward.
12 15 tf

LOST—Saturday evening between Fourteenth and Main and the Library, child's small silver mesh purse, containing some silver. Finder please leave at The Tribune office.

LOST—Down town Friday, Shriner's pin. Return to Tribune. Reward.
12 20 22

Dentist.

DR. A. T. RASMUSSEN, Rooms 210-211 Linker Bldg., Fourth & Main. Office hours 9 to 12 and 1:30 to 5.

Financial.

LOANS MADE SALARIED PEOPLE on furniture, pianos, horses, wagons. No removal, no publicity. La Crosse Mortgage & Loan Co., 322 Main street, upstairs.

FOURTH BUILDING ASSOCIATION loans on real estate. 11 6 tf

Architects, Superintendents. ANDREW ROTH—Successor to Schick & Roth. Architect and superintendent. La Crosse, Wis.

Real Estate.

A well equipped carpenter shop, centrally located. Six room house, 409 South Third street.
12 18 23

Four room flat, ground floor, 329 South Third street.
12 18 23

4 room flat, ground floor, 309 King street.

FOR SALE. A very fine residence on West avenue south, fully modern, 165x145 corner, building on inside lot. Easy terms. Call at office.

1 1/2 story 9 room frame house, with two lots; city water in lot, 1418 Denton street. All in first-class condition.

Lot 92x150 feet, northwest corner Madison and Nineteenth street, at a bargain.

A fine residence on South Tenth, between King and Cass streets. Inquire at office.

One building lot in Park addition, at a great bargain.

60 acre farm, highly improved, fully stocked. Five miles from court house.

C. F. KLEIN,

General Insurance, Bonds, Loans, Notary Public.

ENGLISH WARDOG FAST

LONDON, Dec. 21.—The super-dreadnaught cruiser Lion, now nearing completion at the Devonport dockyard, will be the fastest of its class in the world, if she makes good on her speed trials. At the present moment Germany holds the record for dreadnaught speed.

Recently, at her speed trials the battleship Moltke made 29.5 knots. It is expected at the Admiralty that the Lion, in spite of her displacement of 26,350 tons, will make better than 30 knots. The new ship is 680 feet long, carries eight 13.5 inch guns, besides smaller ordnance, and 70,000 horsepower engines.

If Johnny Hayes wished to make a sailing craft, would he choose a Longboat?

\$185

Cash. Buys a Cabinet

Grand Brewster Piano

An Exceptional Bargain

MUST SELL

1441 Caledonia Street.

DAILY MARKETS

Fruit

(Quoted by John & Burns.)

Apples, per bbl. \$3.50
Grapes, Almeria, per bbl. \$4.50
Oranges, Cal., 150-175-200 216 \$3.50
Grapes, Fla., 96-126 \$3.00
Lemons, 300-360 box \$4.50
Bananas, bunch \$1.25 to \$1.75
Walnut dates, box \$1.10
Apples, Ben Davies, bbl. \$2.25 to \$2.75
Baldwins, per bbl. \$3.50 to \$3.75
Jonathans, per bbl. \$4.00 to \$4.25
Pears, Winter Nellis, box \$3.30
Persian dates, pound 8c
Celery 15 to 20-30c
Potatoes, bushel 80 to 85c
Oysters, S. standards, gal. \$1.25
Oysters, Can Selecta 40c
Oysters, Selecta, gal. \$1.60
Onions, brown, per hundred \$2.50
Onions, yellow & Red per han. \$2.30

Flour and Feed
(Quoted by the Lissman Milling Co.)
Patent, barrel \$5.50
Straight, barrel \$5.50

Mill Feed
(Prices do not include sacks.)
Bran, per ton \$25.00
Shorts, per ton \$26.00
White middlings, per ton \$29.00
Red Dog, per ton \$30.00

Livestock
(By Langdon & Boyd Packing Co.)
Hogs \$5.00 to \$5.50
Cows \$2.00 to \$2.75
Heifers \$2.50 to \$4.00
Lamb \$4.00 to \$4.50
Sheep \$2.00 to \$3.00
Steers \$3.50 to \$4.50

Poultry
Spring Chickens 9c
Old chickens 8c
Turkeys, pound 12 to 14c
Ducks, pound 11c
Geese, pound 9c

Provisions
Lard, per pound 10 1/2 to 11c
Shoulders, per pound 10 1/2 to 11c
Hams, per pound 15 to 15 1/2c
Bacon 15 to 19c
Dry beef, per pound 17 to 19c

Butter and Eggs
(Quoted by Hawley Com. Co.)
Creamery butter, lb. 36 to 37c
Dairy butter, lb. 32 to 35c
Eggs, fresh, dozen 32c
Eggs, storage, dozen 25c
Eggs, seconds, dozen 22c

Hides and Raw Fur
(Quoted by La Crosse Fur and Hide Company.)
No 1 cured cows, hinders and steers 11 to 12c
No 1 cured bulls 9 to 10c
No 1 green, cows, hinders and steers 9 to 10c
No 1 green, bulls 7 to 8c
No 1 cured veal calf 15 to 16c
No 1 green, veal calf 13 to 14c
No 1 green, veal kip 10 to 11c
Mink prime \$3.00 to \$7.00

Grain
(Quoted by Thomas-Phalon Co.)
Wheat 80 to 90c
Rye 75 to 80c
Barley 70c to \$1.05
Corn 60 to 65c
Corn, new 55c
Oats 43 to 47c

GREEN BAY IS VOTING

GREEN BAY, Wis., Dec. 21.—This city is today voting on the commission form of government after one of the most strenuous campaigns in its history. A heavy vote is being polled.

ARTIST IS SUICIDE
NEW YORK, Dec. 21.—John J. Beckett, aged 48, a well known artist and author, committed suicide yesterday at the Hotel Rovers, by inhaling gas.

DOMESTIC MARKETS

New York Stocks

NEW YORK, Dec. 21.—Trading was dull at the opening of the stock market today with the tone steady.

11 a. m.—Price changes were irregular all through the first hour. Governments unchanged; other bonds unchanged.

2 p. m.—Business was small in the afternoon with the tone firm. The stock market closed irregular.

New York Money
NEW YORK, Dec. 21.—Money on call 4 per cent.

Time money 4 1/2 per cent for six months.
Bar silver: London 25 3-16d.; New York 54 1/2c.

Demand sterling 486.30 @ 486.35.

Kansas City Livestock
KANSAS CITY, Mo., Dec. 21.—Cattle—Receipts 2,500; market steady to strong; beefs \$5.00 to \$5.75; cows and heifers \$2.75 to \$7.00; stockers and feeders \$4.00 to \$6.00; calves \$4.00 to \$7.00.

Hogs—Receipts 13,000; market steady; bulk \$5.70 to \$6.20; heavy \$6.15 to \$6.25; medium \$5.90 to \$6.25; light \$5.50 to \$6.15.

Sheep—Receipts 8,000; market steady; lambs 4.50 to \$6.00; ewes \$2.25 to \$3.75; wethers and yearlings \$3.00 to \$5.00.

Chicago Livestock
CHICAGO, Dec. 21.—Hogs—Receipts 26,000; market steady; mixed and butchers \$5.75 to \$6.25; good heavy \$6.00 to \$6.25; rough heavy \$5.85 to \$6.00; light \$5.60 to \$6.10; pigs \$4.50 to \$5.70.

Cattle—Receipts 6,500; market steady; beefs \$4.80 to \$8.90; cows and heifers \$2.00 to \$5.60; stockers and feeders \$3.25 to \$5.85; Texans \$4.20 to \$5.75; calves \$5.00 to \$7.50.

Sheep—Receipts 15,000; market strong; native \$2.50 to \$4.10; western \$2.75 to \$4.10; lambs \$4.00 to \$6.35; western \$4.25 to \$6.30.

Barley and Flax
Minneapolis barley 70c to \$1.15.
Minneapolis flax \$2.08 to \$2.09 1/2; to arrive \$2.08.

Chicago barley 75c to \$1.25.
Duluth flax \$2.08.

Chicago Produce

CHICAGO, Dec. 21.—Butter—Extras 35c; firsts 28c; dairy extras 31c; firsts 28c.

Eggs—Firsts 28 to 31c.
Cheese—Twins 16 1/2 to 16 3/4c; Young Americas 16 1/2 to 16 3/4c.

Potatoes—75 to 80c.
Live Poultry—Fowls 10 1/2 to 11c; spring chickens 10 1/2 to 11c; ducks 13 1/4 to 14c; geese 11 to 11 1/2c; turkeys 13 1/2 to 14c.

Chicago Cash Grain
CHICAGO, Dec. 21.—Cash grain: Wheat—No. 2 red 96 to 96 3/4c; No. 3 red 94 to 95c; No. 2 hard 97 1/2 to \$1.01; No. 3 hard 95 to 98c; No. 3 spring 96c to \$1.02.

Corn—No. 3, 61 1/2 to 63c; No. 3 white 61 1/2 to 63c; No. 3 yellow 51 1/2 to 63c; No. 4, 58 1/2 to 60 1/2c; No. 4 white 60 to 60 1/2c; No. 4 yellow 59 1/2 to 61c.

Oats—No. 3 white 46 1/2 to 47 1/2c; No. 4 white 45 to 47 1/2c; standard 47 1/2 to 48 1/2c.

Chicago Grain Letter
CHICAGO, Dec. 21.—Bearish cables and an over-abundance of covering by shorts as close, left the wheat market today weak, and prices suffered a general decline. Receipts from Argentine indicate better weather for harvesting and Liverpool markets were off.

Induced by the break in wheat, corn had a sharp decline at the opening, despite predictions for continued bad weather over the crop belt.

The market for oats had a heavy undertone, but there was a big volume of business. Lack of support in the early hours caused a decline, but this was checked by selling to secure profits.

Provisions ruled heavy.

WHEAT—
Open. High. Low. Close.
May 98 3/4 98 3/4 98 3/4 98 3/4
July 94 1/4 94 1/4 93 3/4 93 3/4

CORN—
May 65 1/2 65 1/2 64 1/4 64 1/4
July 65 65 64 1/4 64 1/4

OATS—
May 48 3/4 48 3/4 47 3/4 47 3/4
July 45 1/4 45 1/4 44 3/4 44 3/4

PORK—
Jan. 15.57 15.57 15.57 15.57
May 16.12 16.12 16.00 16.02

LARD—
Jan. 9.17 9.20 9.15 9.17
May 9.42 9.45 9.40 9.40

REBS—
Jan. 8.32 8.35 8.30 8.30
May 8.62 8.65 8.60 8.60

COMPARATIVE MARKETS

These Quotations Show the General Trend of Prices for the Previous Week.

LIVE STOCK YESTERDAY.
UNION STOCK YARDS, Ill., Dec. 20.—Hogs—Receipts 36,000; market slow; mixed and butchers \$5.75 to \$6.25; good heavy \$6.00 to \$6.25; rough heavy \$5.85 to \$6.00; light \$5.60 to \$6.10; pigs \$4.50 to \$5.70.

Cattle—Receipts 1,500; market steady; beefs \$4.60 to \$8.90; cows and heifers \$2.00 to \$5.60; stockers and feeders \$3.25 to \$5.75; Texans \$4.20 to \$5.75; calves \$5.00 to \$7.50.

Sheep—Receipts 25,000; market strong; native 2.50 to \$4.00; western \$2.75 to \$4.10; lambs \$4.00 to \$6.00; western \$4.25 to \$6.10.

Grain Yesterday, Week Ago.
WHEAT—
May 98 3/4 98 3/4 97 3/4 97 3/4
July 94 1/4 94 1/4 93 3/4 93 3/4

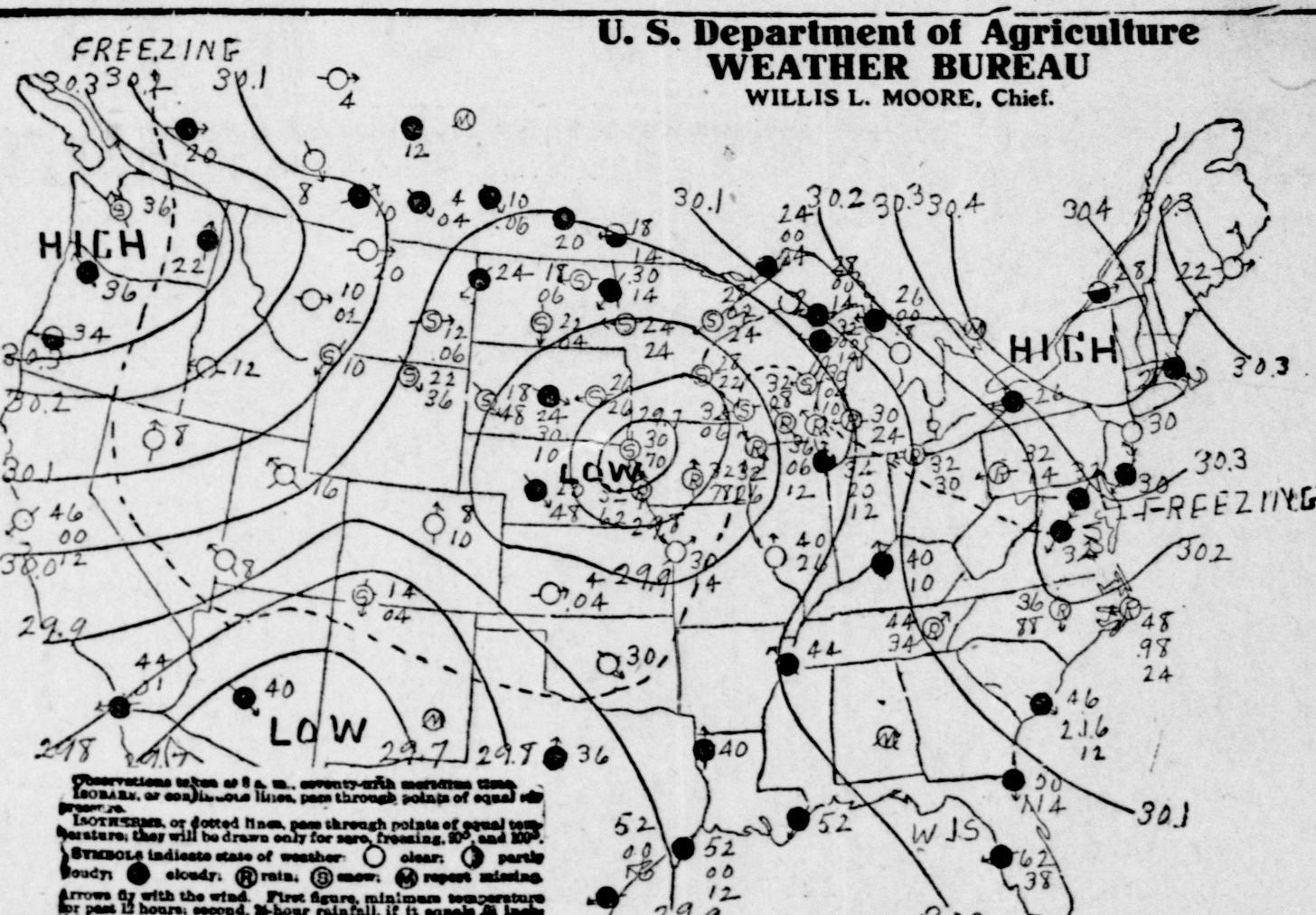
CORN—
May 65 1/2 65 1/2 64 1/4 64 1/4
July 65 65 64 1/4 64 1/4

OATS—
May 48 3/4 48 3/4 47 3/4 47 3/4
July 45 1/4 45 1/4 44 3/4 44 3/4

PLANS SPECIAL SERVICES
A special Christmas service of more than usual interest will be held in the auditorium of the First Baptist church at 7 o'clock Christmas morning. Rev. W. A. Billings, pastor of the church, is planning a service distinctively in keeping with the day. Rev. Billings extends an invitation to all who want to attend the service.

Weather Forecast and Special Weather Conditions

U. S. Department of Agriculture
WEATHER BUREAU
WILLIS L. MOORE, Chief.



In the following table the column marked (L) shows the lowest temperature last night. (H) shows the highest yesterday and (P) shows the precipitation in the last 24 hours:

	(L)	(H)	(P)		(L)	(H)	(P)		(L)	(H)	(P)
Atlantic City	30	38	0	Chicago	34	38	0	St. Paul	28	32	22
Boston	28	38	0	La Crosse	32	36	.06	Boise	12	26	0
Charleston	46	58	2.16	Madison	32	34	.08	Denver	8	24	.70
New York	30	36	0	Memphis	44	52	0	Helena	10	30	.02
Washington	32	38	0	Milwaukee	36	36	.06	Miles City	12	28	.05
Galveston	52	54	0	Bismarck	22	28	.04	Portland, Ore.	36	42	0
Jacksonville	50	68	1.14	Huron	26	52		Spokane	22	30	22
New Orleans	52	58	0	Kansas City	30	40	.1	Medicine Hat	10	22	

TOYS

DOLL CABS—Strong and durable, assorted reed. Values to \$2. Friday **75c**

DOLL CRADLES—Made of pressed steel and wire, collapsible. Full size, 15c values to close **2 1/2c**

TOPS—Phonograph tops, 25 cent sellers, special Friday **7c**

All Xmas Tree Ornaments One-half Price

All Archana & Carrow boards One-half Price

Toys Friday At HALF PRICE

Lots and lots of Toys—slow sellers, slightly damaged, last of certain lines and kinds, etc., showing almost everything in the toy world for little boys and girls. All marked in plain figures. Come and take **1/2 Price** your pick at

Jewelry Departm't Specials

CHILD'S SETS, very best heavy silver plated knife, fork and spoon all in pretty box. Genuine 75c value, complete, special **39c**

BAR PINS—Women's long sterling silver or gold filled plain or jeweled bar pins, Friday **49c**

JEWEL BOXES—Handsome 14k gold plated jewel boxes, lined with blue silk, special Friday **25c**

Embroidered Handkerchiefs

Elegant even woven quality women's handkerchiefs, full size, with handsome embroidered effects around border. Will make very dainty, practicable presents for any woman. Priced special, **2 1/2c** each only. **15c**

Children boxed hemstitched, 3 in box

Xmas Novelties Pictures

For Friday we offer unrestricted choice every 15c, 20c and 25c picture, calendar or holiday novelty in our immense stock. Everything new and up-to-date. Choice Friday **10c**

Presents For Men

Choice all fancy vests (excepting white) fashionable effects in flannels and washable materials. Sizes 34 to 40. Regular price **1/2 Price** \$1.50 to \$4.50, at

XMAS CANDY

Fine grade pure mixed and broken Taffy Candy, special **8 3/4c** per lb.

Chocolates, elegant grade assorted flavors, soft center chocolates, Regular 30c per lb. quality, Friday, 1/2 lb. **10c**

PIPES

Genuine French Briar Pipes with real amber stems, exceptionable values priced at **25c**

Assorted shapes and sizes in Briar Pipes, good values at **10c**

Big variety of shapes and sizes in Briar Pipes with hard rubber and celluloid stems, at **19c**

Combinations

Pair of hose and tie to match, all shades, black, blue, grey, helio, etc. Would sell ordinarily at 35c. In neat holly boxes, complete **25c**

Women's Crochet Slippers

Very attractive crochet bedroom slippers, ribbon bow over instep, fleeced lined leather soles. Assorted colors, all sizes. Regular \$1.00 values, special at pair **79c**

Specials from the SHOE DEPT.

Genuine Buster Brown Corduroy Leggings, button over knee, patent leather straps, 12 button length, for children 3 to 7 years old. Genuine **79c** \$1.00 values

CHILDREN'S GINGHAM DRESSES

Large special shipment, fine grade, fast dyed Scotch plaid gingham dresses, in assorted colors. Extra well made, stylish round necks, short kimona sleeves, long waist, short pleated skirt. Very appropriate presents for little girls, age 2 to 5 years, specially priced **25c**

BLACK PETTICOATS, 29c

A present any woman will appreciate, one of these handsome cotton Taffeta petticoats, well made, fashionable, with sectional flounce and dust underlay. A good value at 50c, specially priced for Friday **29c**

Fountain Pens

Sample line of one of this country's best known reliable manufacturers of fountain pens, showing 6 different styles—either plain or trimmed, all with 14k gold pens, guarantee signed by the makers for 5 years. Values range up to \$5.00. Choice of any **\$1.00**

Grocery Dept. Specials

3 cans best Oil Sardines (5c values) Friday for **10c**

GINGER SNAPS, fresh, best grade, Friday (2 lbs. to a customer) per lb. **5c**

CORN FLAKES—Large new shipment just received; regular 10c sellers, **2 packages 15c**

Xmas Aprons

We have just received a large special assortment of fine quality, evenly woven white lawn aprons, machine scalloped edge, imitation embroidered designs. Will make fine presents. Would ordinarily sell for 25c, specially priced at **9c**

NEW SILK SCARFINGS

Fashion's daintiest creations in highest grade silk scarfings. Just the thing for Christmas, showing all handsome borders, in cream, pink, yellow and blue. All best 50c quality, priced special for Friday **25c**

BATH ROBE FLANNELS

Choice of our entire stock—25 pieces, showing all popular styles and patterns, bath robe flannels, all fast dyed, desirable weight and excellent quality that always sells at 50c and 65c yard. Choice Friday, per yard **29c**

Boxed Christmas Books 12 1/2c

Large assortment, high grade fiction, nicely bound imitation leather. In the assortment will be found: Dr. Jekyll and Mr. Hyde. Past and Present. Wonder Book. The Princess and Maid. Frankenstein. The Abbe Constantine. Light of Asia. Dream Life. All in neat boxes, a 25c **12 1/2c** value, priced for

DOERFLINGER'S